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Resumption of ties Iran wants Saudis to take first step

NICOSIA, Nov 21, (AP): Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati said today that Saudi Arabia should make the first move toward restoring bilateral ties, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency quoted Besharati as saying Saudi Arabia should "take the first step in the way of a smooth flow of reciprocal relations," in an interview with the English-language daily Tehran Times.

Saudi Arabia broke ties with Iran last April, accusing Iran of terrorism and subversion.

On his tour of Gulf Arab states earlier this month, Besharati said in Kuwait that Iran was ready for direct talks aimed at normalising relations. He repeated the same message on Saturday in an interview with Tehran Radio.

Action

But in the newspaper interview, Besharati called for more action from the Saudis, according to IRNA.

Besharati was quoted as saying: "If the Saudi regime takes further positive steps, Iran is ready to enter direct negotiations with that regime."

The new condition for direct talks may reflect Iran's desire not to seem over-anxious about restoring ties with the kingdom.

Saudi Arabia has dropped its media campaign against Iran, but the Iranian overtures have been ignored in Riyadh.

Saudi Arabia Defence Minister Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz said last week that relations with Iran could only be resumed if Tehran refrains from interfering in Saudi internal affairs.

Walter Mondale

CHICAGO, Nov 21, (UPI): Former Vice-President Walter Mondale is mounting a political comeback and will run for his old US Senate seat in 1990, according to a report published

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Amir visits Air Force bases Kuwait to strengthen its armed forces

KUWAIT, Nov 21, (KUNA): Kuwait will strengthen its armed forces to protect the country from any aggression, HH the Amir said today.

Kuwait must reassess the potential of its armed forces so they become "the protective shield" for the country, the Amir said.

The Supreme Defence Council and the Armed Forces Command are "studying the situation," he said.

However, Kuwait "wants no evil to anyone and does not want to be done evil by anybody," the Amir said.

Greeted

The Amir made the comments at the Officers Club of Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base after an inspection tour of the base.

Earlier in the day, the Amir visited the Ali Al Salem Air Base where he was greeted by Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed. Army Chief-of-Staff Gen. Mazyad Abdul Rahman Al Sane, Defence Undersecretary Faisal Al Daoud and senior armed forces officers.

The base commander briefed the Amir on the base's functions, after which he inspected electronic and rocket workshops and warplane Squadron-62.

Referring to the eight-year

Gulf war, the Amir said "we have done all we could to stop it," adding that Kuwait, motivated by its beliefs, opted to stand against the aggression on an Arab country.

The Amir also expressed Kuwait's whole-hearted support for the newborn independent Palestinian state.

The Amir said he hopes the whole world will soon realise that Israel poses a threat not only to Palestine, but also to the Arab and Islamic worlds.

The Amir, current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) urged its members, the Non-Aligned Movement and the Organisation of African Unity to support independent Palestine and to back the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

Promise

Earlier in the day, the Amir pointed out that Palestine could have been liberated long time ago had Arab officials been true to their promises and worked diligently for that end.

Sheikh Nawaf praised the Amir for the constant attention he paid to the armed forces.

Sheikh Nawaf said that the meeting with Army personnel was a vivid example of the Amir's keenness in upgrading and ensuring better military performance.



HH the Amir inspecting the air base.

Rivals appeal for Lebanese unity

BEIRUT, Nov 21, (Reuters): Leaders of Lebanon's competing governments, in widely-differing messages broadcast on rival radio stations, appealed for unity today on the eve of Independence Day.

Sunni Muslim acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss and Christian Army commander General Michel Aoun, who heads an interim military government, addressed the nation to mark the 45th anniversary tomorrow of independence from France.

The speeches reflected deep rifts over ways to end the constitutional crisis that has left Lebanon with no president, rival governments, a paralysed Parliament and a divided Army.

"We will survive this crisis with a united people and country. We will safeguard Lebanon's Arab identity and strengthen its brotherly relations with the closest to it, Syria," Hoss said.

Aoun indirectly attacked Syria, saying: "Lebanon are considerable ... and we shall all be required to make conces-

OPEC plays for time

Iraq, Iran still at loggerheads

VIENNA, Nov 21, (Reuters): OPEC ministers today gave themselves another 48 hours to solve a dispute between Iran and Iraq which has blocked a deal to curb excess production and reverse a slide in world petroleum prices.

In a clear reference to the Iran-Iraq deadlock that has split the organisation, OPEC President Riwana Lukman told ministers at the formal opening session on a conference that they must make concessions to overcome formidable problems or face a further sharp price fall.

Problems

The 13 ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries met formally for just 90 minutes before adjourning until tomorrow, signalling another round of behind-the-scenes bargaining to try to reconcile Iran and Iraq's rival claims.

"The problems facing OPEC are considerable ... and we shall all be required to make conces-

sions," Lukman, who is Nigeria's Oil Minister, told the opening session. "If we do not reach an accord ... we may see a further serious erosion of prices."

Iranian Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh and his Iraqi opposite number, Issam Abdul-Rahman Al Chalabi, sat down next to each other at the negotiating table, but gave no hint that four days of talks before today's meeting had narrowed the gap.

The Iraqis have for two years rejected a demand from Iraq that it be allowed to pump the same amount of oil. Iraq has responded by boycotting production sharing agreements since Dec 1986, promoting other members of OPEC.

Oil market analysts said it was clear that OPEC had decided to engage in another round of hotel-room diplomacy to try to score a breakthrough by today when all 13 ministers will meet at OPEC's

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Male students prefer arts to science

Kuwaitis shun technical jobs, says rector

KUWAIT, Nov 21, (KUNA): The number of male applicants for science colleges is dropping to an alarming level and many of science college students are flunking, according to Kuwait University Rector Dr Abdel Mohsen Al Abdel Razzaq.

In his annual report on the 1987-88 academic year, Razzaq said many Kuwaiti students in science colleges are failing their courses or are transferring to commerce and art colleges.

The situation is turning into a crisis which is becoming a national catastrophe created by both the Kuwaiti government and society, he said.

Skilled

The university is trying to attract Kuwaiti students to science, but 70 per cent of them prefer art courses. He described Kuwaitis as non-producers who keep away from technical and skilled jobs that are necessary to the national economy.

The state generously provides all public services without any return from the people, the rector pointed out in the report.

Since jobs are guaranteed by the government to all citizens and the pay scale is nearly the same for all, it is no surprise to see the majority of Kuwaitis seek administrative and clerical jobs that require less effort, he said.

Most of the Kuwaitis accepted in the science colleges this year are women, except in the Faculty of Medicine, in which 70 per cent of the graduates are men.

The rector urged the government to adopt a clear national policy to encourage students to choose careers in the sciences. He suggested granting bonuses to those who choose to study the sciences.

Dr Razzaq also expressed his deep concern about the quality of education graduates.

Commenting on the nine-point scale system which the

university abolished last year, he said: "The previous system (based on nine points) helped the below-average students to pass and is rarely used in the world."

He added that the courses system paved the way for most students to register the lowest number of credits, extending their stay in the university for a longer period than required.

The university rector stressed that the probation system is not strict enough as some students continue on the probation list through their senior year.

Revision

"After the recent revision of the courses, the least number of credits to be registered was set at 15-16 and the evaluation system was changed to the four-point scale," he said.

Dr Razzaq noted that the courses system regulations specifies that a student be put on probation if his average falls below 2.0, saying that a number of faculties have implemented new examination systems and imposed harsh penalties against cheaters.

Since these steps increased the number of flunking students and those put on probation, students called for going back to the old system, he said.

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Dr Razzaq

Lucky 13

ROME, Nov 21, (Reuters): The number 13 has proved lucky for three mystery punters who will share a record prize of 13 billion lire (\$10 million) on the Italian soccer pools.

Organisers of the weekly lottery said only three coupons registered the maximum 13 points in yesterday's competition.

Pools winners remain anonymous in Italy but the owner of a bar in Cagliari, Sardinia, where one of the winning coupons was sold for the price of a cup of coffee, said the tipster may have been a street peddler from Senegal.

Stormy parliamentary session

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 21, (AP): Israel's 12th Parliament opened in a stormy session today as 15 leftist legislators refused to be sworn in by a politician whose party calls for expelling Arabs from Israel.

Yair Sprinzak, 77, of the right-wing Moleket (homeland) Party administered the oaths under a law that makes the oldest member of the Knesset (parliament) its acting speaker until a permanent speaker is chosen.

Moleket, which won two seats in the Nov 1 election, calls for the "voluntary transfer" of Palestinians from Israel's occupied territories.

Before swearing-in the new legislators, Sprinzak delivered a highly political speech.

More than a dozen left-wing legislators, shouting words of protest, got up from their seats and walked to the back of the hall. They returned when Sprinzak called the names of each Knesset member, but then 15 members refused to utter the required oath.

Explosion kills 2

BEIJING, Nov 21, (Reuters): An explosion on China's ancient Great Wall near Beijing killed two Chinese and injured several Western tourists today, diplomatic sources said.

The two Chinese were blown to pieces in the blast, which occurred around midday.

Benazir holds talks with MQM on forming coalition

From Aahraf Shad in Karachi

PAKISTAN People's Party (PPP) leader Benazir Bhutto yesterday held talks with Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM) chief Altaf Hussain on the formation of a coalition government.

Benazir, who emerged smiling after the three-hour meeting with Hussain at his residence in Karachi, said she was satisfied with the talks.

And at a press conference afterwards Hussain said the talks were useful and positive.

Both the leaders, however, were tight-lipped about the actual outcome of the meeting.

The PPP got 39 seats in the National Assembly election, 10 short of 109 needed for an overall majority. PPP's rival Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA) won 57 seats, MQM 13 and independents and small parties 47.

Vital

MQM's support is vital for Benazir as that would give her the required majority, to form a government.

MQM has also been wooed by IDA, whose leader, Nawaz Sharif, met Hussain on Friday.

A joint statement issued after

yesterday's meeting between Benazir and Hussain said that a joint committee has been formed to examine the MQM charter of demands. The committee consists of six members — three from each party.

Several thousand mohajir militants and PPP supporters chanted slogans and cheered outside Hussain's house as Benazir arrived for the meeting. He presented her with a copy of the Holy Quran, which she kissed.

Agencies add: Benazir said the PPP had many views in common with the MQM.

But Hussain stressed there had been no agreement on a pact. "Our options are wide open. We have not finalised agreement with any party," he said.

Provide

Hussain said any coalition pact would have to provide for redress of mohajir grievances and hinted he wanted the chief ministership of Pakistan's southern Sind province for his party.

PPP got one more seat unexpectedly when the election commission revised the result of a National Assembly seat in the North-West Frontier Province where Awami National Party candidate Ehar Khattak was first declared elected. But after a

recount the PPP candidate Muzaffar Shah was declared the winner.

This result increased the PPP strength in the National Assembly to 99.

The newly elected National Assembly will meet at the parliament building in Islamabad on Dec 5, Minister of Law and Parliamentary Affairs Wasim Sajid announced last night.

On the opening day the Assembly will elect 20 women members. The speaker and deputy speaker will be elected on Dec 7.

Acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan has invited Benazir seeking to become the Muslim world's first woman prime minister, and Sharif for talks in Islamabad today. He will see the leaders of smaller parties on Wednesday and Thursday.

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LATE NEWS

Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan indicated on Monday he would hand power to a new government in early December, officials said. A transfer of power would "be fulfilled in a matter of days after the completion of the election process," the official quoted Ishaq Khan as saying.



Benazir meeting Altaf Hussain, in Karachi. (Reuters wirephoto)

Two more present cabinet members retained

Bush names Darman as budget director

WASHINGTON, Nov 21, (AP): President-elect George Bush said today he will retain Attorney-General Dick Thornburgh and Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos, bringing to three the number of holdovers in his cabinet from the outgoing administration.

Bush also said he would nominate Richard Darman, for-

mer White House aide and Deputy Treasury Secretary, to head the office of management and budget.

The president-elect said that "in all likelihood" Thornburgh, Cavazos and previously announced Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady would be the only current cabinet members to remain in their posts. All were recent

appointments to President Reagan's cabinet.

Among other matters, Bush rejected a General Accounting Office report that dismissed his "flexible freeze" proposal for cutting the budget deficit. It said that tax increases, as well as military and social security cuts, would have to be considered.

"I'm not going to change my

view as to how we get this deficit down," he said, though he also said he was "open-minded" and prepared to hear a range of recommendations.

"I don't remember any Republicans or Democrats running on a please-raise-my-taxes program," he said. "I don't"

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INTERNATIONAL

Connally was real target of John Kennedy shooting, suggests new book

NEW YORK, Nov 21, (Reuters): When Lee Harvey Oswald shot at the presidential motorcade in Dallas 25 years ago this week, his target may not have been President John Kennedy but Texas Governor John Connally.

a forthcoming book suggests. Excerpts of "The Great Expectations of John Connally," by James Reston Jr to be published next year, were printed in Time magazine on Sunday. Connally, who rode in the

limousine with Kennedy, was wounded in the rifle attack and the President was killed. Reston recounts Oswald's stay in the Soviet Union, where his actions prompted the US Marine Corps to downgrade his dis-

charge from honourable to undesirable. Spurred Crushed, Oswald petitioned Connally to influence the Marines. He believed that Connally was Secretary of the Navy

but the Texan had left the post six weeks earlier and his office sent Oswald a perfunctory reply, Reston wrote. "Oswald had been spurred by a fellow Texan, and he resented it," Reston wrote.

Opinion polls show Mulroney ahead
Canadians go to polls

OTTAWA, Nov 21, (Reuters): Canadians vote in a general election today with opinion polls showing Prime Minister Brian Mulroney back in front after a bruising campaign focused on his divisive plans for free trade with the United States.

The seven-week campaign has hinged on Mulroney's championing of free trade — an issue which has split the nation and prompted opposition charges of a government sell-out to Washington.

Three weekend opinion polls showed Mulroney's Progressive Conservatives back in front for the first time in weeks after losing ground to the opposition's crusade against the free trade bill.

Evident

Opposition Liberal leader John Turner made an 11th hour appeal to the left-wing New Democrats yesterday to vote Liberal as the only way to quash the trade agreement.

"It's quite evident to Canadians that the only way now to defeat the Mulroney trade deal is to vote Liberal — it's the only way to make that vote count," said Turner, whose party is second-placed in opinion polls.

An estimated 75 per cent of Canada's 17 million voters were expected to cast their ballots, a high turnout reflecting the fierce debate on whether the trade deal

will threaten Canada's independence.

Voting was set to start from 9 am (1300 GMT in Atlantic provinces) in six time zones across the country. Earliest results from eastern Canada were not scheduled to be available until after 7 pm there (midnight GMT).

Confidently

Mulroney, 49, spoke confidently of victory during final campaign appearances in his native Quebec yesterday, saying a second consecutive majority Conservative government would unify the country.

"The nation is not divided," he told supporters. "The nation is coming together in a democratic expression of views."

Liberal leader Turner, 59, managed to revive sagging fortunes midway through the campaign with a spirited appeal to nationalist sentiments to reject the trade agreement.

He has accused the prime minister of selling out to the Americans and said Canada would sacrifice its sovereignty to its mighty southern neighbour.

The agreement, already approved by the United States and warmly endorsed by the Reagan administration, would take effect on Jan 1 and eliminate remaining trade barriers over 10 years.

Soviet reforms dangerous for the West: NATO

ESTORIL, Portugal, Nov 21, (Reuters): NATO chiefs said today that Soviet reforms carried dangers for the West and warned the alliance against falling for Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev's persuasive skills.

The military leaders also said North Atlantic Treaty Organisation countries should maintain their defences as an insurance against a possible deterioration of East-West relations in the future.

"Gorbachev is ruling over a period of large-scale transition and this in itself carries dangers of possible instability," said General John Galvin, the supreme allied commander.

Relate

"The Soviets have mounted a very effective public relations campaign ... but the result is something like the so-called 'Stockholm syndrome' when hostages related favourably to their captors," Galvin told a news conference.

"The Soviets have threatened Western Europe for so long that just a lowered level of tension is seen in this way."

Galvin, speaking during a NATO support meeting in the Portuguese resort of Estoril, urged the West to modernise its nuclear defences. He called on Moscow to discuss cuts in con-

ventional arms, including the 30,000-tank advantage which he said the Warsaw Pact enjoyed over NATO.

Galvin's views were echoed in a speech by his political counterpart in NATO, Secretary-General Manfred Woerner.

"Our difficulty today is a tendency to believe that Soviet intentions are no longer hostile and therefore to discount the very real Soviet military capabilities," Woerner said.

Crisis

Woerner welcomed serious East-West negotiations after years of "megaphone diplomacy," but he said NATO countries must not take Gorbachev's economic and social reforms at face value.

"Intentions are notoriously difficult to judge ... particularly in crisis or in states with no tradition of democracy," he told a meeting of the Atlantic treaty association, a privately funded group which promotes NATO.

Woerner, who took over his post this year, denied that the West had lost the initiative on arms control and said a tough NATO stance had helped persuade Moscow to sign an accord last December that eliminated medium-range missiles from Europe.

Saddam's son killed guard

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head wound. Odai, 25, is the oldest of the President's five children.

In Nicosia, Cyprus, informed sources said that the bodyguard was particularly close to the President.

They said that a distraught President Saddam accompanied Gegeo's body to a church for funeral preparations.

The bodyguard, believed to be in his twenties, was the son of the President's male cook and the governess that raised his three daughters, the sources said.

Refer

The Nicosia sources also said a different version of the killing was circulating in Baghdad, with Odai shooting off the gun and the bodyguard killed while trying to quiet him.

Odai resigned as head of Iraq's Olympic Committee after the incident, but retained his position as the head of the board of Saddam University, established earlier this year.

Saddam said he personally investigated the murder and decided to refer the case to the judicial authority, "so that justice is done."

The Iraqi leader disclosed that Odai tried to commit suicide when he heard that Gegeo died and was himself hospitalized before being jailed three days later.

Bush names Darman as budget ...

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remember that."

On another subject, Bush said it would be premature for him to consider any specific proposals that might be put forth next month when Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev comes to the United States and meets with Reagan.

"It will be President Reagan's meeting," Bush said. "I'll be there as Vice-President of the United States and I expect they'll be aware they're talking to the next President."

Bush emphasized the role that Thornburgh would have in fighting drug traffic, which he called "public enemy No. 1." He said Thornburgh "will work with me to fight drugs with every tool at our disposal."

Bush noted that Cavazos, a former president of Texas Tech University, is the first Hispanic to hold a cabinet post but added: "Overriding is Dr Cavazos' commitment to excellence in education."

Choice

Bush said his choice of Darman as the budget director underscores his determination to cut the budget deficit, which he said he would attack as soon as he takes office Jan 20.

"Because he understands the government and the economy so well, Dick will make sure the Bush administration hits the ground running," Bush said.

Benazir holds talks with ...

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Benazir has described herself as flexible and pragmatic but said Pakistan will face anarchy if she is denied the chance to become its next prime minister.

She spoke in separate interviews with the news magazines Times and Newsweek published yesterday.

"I've lived with a lot of intrigue," she told Newsweek. "I'm very flexible unless pushed to the wall."

Arrogant

When Time remarked that she has been called arrogant, she replied: "It is good to have the idealism of youth. But there is a lot more pragmatism to life."

She said Pakistanis should think of their homeland as "a country where the military is seeking any pretext to intervene. I would not like to provide the pretext."

Kuwaitis ...

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He added that the University Council has endorsed some amendments on the current system, under which students are allowed to make up for the first five courses.

Probation

Dr Razzaq also said that the probation system reduced the minimum average to below 1.67 points for less than 60 earned credits and less than 2.0 points for over 60 earned credits.

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Three European defence envoys visit UAE

ABU DHABI, Nov 21, (Agencies): Britain's Defence Minister George Younger conferred today with his counterparts in the United Arab Emirates during a short visit before proceeding to Saudi Arabia.

The official Emirates news agency WAM said Younger was received by the Deputy Supreme Commander Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed and Defence Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid.

The agency said they discussed military co-operation between the two countries and the situation in the region after the Aug 20 cease-fire between Iraq and Iran.

WAM said Sheikh Mohammed stressed the importance of peace in the Gulf for the sake of world peace and security.

British embassy sources in Abu Dhabi said Younger was discussing Gulf security and other defence issues of mutual interest, but declined to elaborate.

Younger's visit to the UAE coincided with the arrival of French Air Force Commander General Achille Lerche, who like Younger, arrived late Sunday.

Lerche is heading a military delegation and will hold talks with UAE Air Force officials, according to diplomatic sources in Abu Dhabi.

Unofficial sources said the talks are likely to focus on training programmes and the supply of equipment for the UAE Air Force.

France is the UAE's biggest arms supplier. The UAE Air Force has more than 30 Mirage fighter planes.

The sources refused to comment on any connection between the visit and the UAE-France deal for 36 Mirage-2000 jet fighters which has been frozen due to

differences on technical specifications.

Italian Minister of Defence Valerio Zanone will also arrive in the UAE on Tuesday on a short visit to the country, Italian embassy sources said.

Zanone's visit coincided with the Italian decision to withdraw its naval forces in the Gulf by year-end. "The defence minister came to pay farewell to the Italian forces before they start withdrawal and to meet UAE officials to thank them for their co-operation during the Italian presence in the Gulf," said one of the sources who could not be identified under embassy rules.

Italy and Britain, along with France, Holland and Belgium had joined the United States in posting naval contingents in the Gulf in 1987 to counter the threat to Gulf shipping posed by the Iraq-Iran war.

GCC states consider acquiring own satellite

KUWAIT, Nov 21, (KUNA): Bahraini Information Minister Tariq Al Mu'ayyid said the Gulf Co-operation Council states are considering the acquisition of a satellite of their own.

Al Mu'ayyid, told a local daily today that half of the capacity of the Arab satellite (ARABSAT), since it was launched, has not been used.

He added that the idea of launching satellites is also being considered by a number of Arab states and this trend must be encouraged.

Discussing the Gulf television transmission, the Bahraini minister said that he was always against the idea of one unified Gulf TV. He would like to see variety and competitive TV stations to enable Gulf inhabitants to choose what interests them.

Replying to a question on Gulf information co-operation, Al Mu'ayyid indicated such co-operation existed a long time ago and was first embodied when the Gulf Co-operation Council was established.

In this context, he expressed hope that a meeting for owners of Gulf newspapers (private press) be convened before the end of the year to discuss media co-ordination.

"I have agreed with the GCC Secretariat to call for a first meeting of media editors to discuss co-ordination on basic journalistic matters," the minister told the Bahraini daily Akhbar Al Khalej.

"It is not enough that (GCC) information ministers agree on the charter of media owners... There should be an exchange of feeling between the press and information ministers on how to implement these pacts," he said.

"We feel there is a possibility of achieving this (GCC pact) as a true desire to co-operate exists in the Gulf press," he added.

The GCC, which groups Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in a political and economic alliance, is due to hold its 1988 summit in Bahrain in mid-December.

Officials plan to cut costs for medicine

KUWAIT'S health centres use about KD20 million of medicine per year. There are plans to reduce this amount to KD18 million per annum, a reduction of 5 per cent, according to an authoritative source.

Policy

Speaking to Al Rai Al Aam newspaper, Ibrahim Al Mudhaf, assistant undersecretary for medicine and medical supplies affairs at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health, said that Kuwait's medical policy was formulated to provide optimum health care services and is well organised.

He added that all medical stores at the ministry have been computerised to register and dispense medicines. All health centres of the country have been linked to the computer network at the medical department the official said.

Imported

Medicines are imported into Kuwait by the Ministry of Public Health in two distinct ways. Vital and dangerous items such as those related to diabetes, blood pressure, heart and arteries as well as some specialised antibiotics are imported through direct inquiry and negotiations. Other medicines are obtained through public tenders, Al Mudhaf added.

Book exhibition opens Wednesday

THE 14th Arabian Book Exhibition will be opened by the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Abdul Aziz Al Rashid on Wednesday at the International Fair Ground in Mishrif.

Dr Farouq Al Omar, acting general secretary of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Literature, said that the exhibition is considered important to the entire Arab world.

Three hundred representatives of 170 publishing houses from 18 Arab countries and seven Arab organisations will participate.

The exhibition will introduce its index containing 32,000 titles of different books and publications. Of these, 19,631 titles are designated for Arabian books and 4,070 for foreign books and 2,984 for children books.

There will be more than 2.5 million books on display. Four thousand titles were not included in the index due to delays in their arrival, Al Omar said.

Fire Department begins information campaign

KUWAIT'S Fire Department has begun an information campaign designed to educate the public on the prevention of fire hazards, according to the daily Al Seyassah.

The campaign falls within the framework of the department's preparations for the desert excursion season which will begin on Dec 1.

The department will organise several seminars and rallies to be held in co-operation with other authorities. Specialists will be invited to participate and discuss fire prevention and protection, the official said.

The daily quoted the director-general of the Fire Department

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Plan for locust control

AN international expert arrived in Bahrain yesterday to study a plan for locust control on the island.

Ahmed Khaznawi, regional locust control officer from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), will discuss the issue with government officials during his two-day stay.

According to Siddiq Al Alawi, assistant undersecretary for agriculture, Bahrain has effectively controlled the recent arrival of locusts to the island.

He said that discussions with Khaznawi will be on preparations to face any future invasion of locusts. The FAO expert will be informed about the materials used and measures taken so far by the authorities here to combat locusts.

Alawi said locusts did not damage Bahrain's crops as the extension officers kept the situation under control with constant vigilance.

Khaznawi, who is attached to the International Locust Control Centre in Jeddah, is also touring other Gulf states to assess the locust situation in the region.

Alawi said that measures taken by Saudi Arabia and Oman to combat locusts will be studied and an effective co-ordination programme with the Jeddah Centre will be worked out.

Comedy hit debut

THE West End comedy hit "Bed Before Yesterday" made its Bahraini debut in a gala opening at the Hilton Hotel on Sunday.

Written by Ben Travers, the play, set in 1930, depicts marriages of convenience among the British classes with hilarious consequences.

This satire on Edwardian morals and upper class pretensions flows with the vivacity, freshness and richness of a masterpiece. "Bed Before Yesterday," whets our appetite for laughter for over two hours.

Sheila Hancock brilliantly portrays Alma, the frigid rich woman who falls for Kean, a working class unemployed man. Alma, middle aged, hates anyone or anything to do with sex, only to be awakened in the autumn of her life to the joyful experience of physical love—thanks to a young prostitute, a nymphomaniac Cockney landlady and a womanizing renowned actor.

Her subservient husband, superbly overplayed by David Stoll, pretends to understand and respect her aversion to sex. This is fine with the husband as he does not particularly find her sexually attractive.

Alma, obsessed with sex and determined to make the "most of it," flies off unexpectedly to discover the joys of sexual love, only to come back dejected with no sense of self-respect. Just when she thinks all is well at home she suspects infidelity with the promiscuous landlady. But the day is saved when Kean confesses his intentions, but denies indulging in the act.

The cast is comprised of excellent supporting actors such as Mark Aiken, who plays Kean's rowdy rebellious son, Aubrey, Sara Crowe, who plays the prostitute, George Camilleri who plays the gangster and David Killich who plays the actor.

"Bed Before Yesterday" was brought to Bahrain by the British Airways Theatre and sponsored by the British Airways. It runs until Thursday.

Winter fashions show

THE Gulf Hotel will hold the first show of the Winter Collection Fashion Parade 1988 in the Al Marjan Restaurant on Thursday.

The opening show of this popular event will introduce the latest winter selections from Benetton clothes boutiques.

Arrangements, including the choreography, make-up and hairstyling, are conducted by Albert Goyo.

The fashion parade will take place at lunch-time every Thursday until Dec 15.

244 killed, 191 hurt in traffic accidents

FROM January to September, 244 people were killed in traffic accidents in Kuwait, according to Major Yaqoub Al Fadalah, head of the awareness division at the Public Relations Department at the Ministry of Interior.

Al Fadalah said that in the first nine months of this year, there were 1,662 traffic accidents in Kuwait. One hundred and sixteen people were seriously injured in these accidents and 75 people received minor injuries.

Awareness: Al Fadalah gave the statistics during a recent seminar organised by Kuwait's Roads Safety Society.

Most of these accidents were caused by poor drivers, he said.

He called on authorities to make efforts to increase public awareness of traffic rules and

safety.

Candidates appearing for driving tests should be thoroughly tested to ensure that they are qualified to drive. Driving licences should not be given to illiterates and to foreigners who speak no English, Al Fadalah said. About 20 per cent of motorists in Kuwait are illiterate.

Injured: Twenty-one road accidents were reported in Kuwait during the last 24 hours.

Six occurred in the Capital governorate, one in Hawalli, 11 in Ahmadi and two in Jahra governorates.

A three-year-old child identified as Mishari A. was injured when he was knocked down by a car in Sulabiya area, the Ministry of Interior reported.

Zoo imports more animals

MUSA Al Khashti, head of the Zoo Department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth, said that the zoo at Omariya has imported a giraffe, African crocodiles, American lions, and several kinds of monkeys and mountain goats. Different kinds of birds, were also brought to the zoo, he added.

Visitors

The zoo receives about half a million visitors a year and the number is increasing, Al Khashti said.

There were 203,100 visitors in 1983, compared to 524,000 in 1987, he said. The zoo has 55 kinds of mammals which include 239 animals and 354 birds belonging to 63 different species.

Information on each animal and bird is provided to visitors. The zoo also offers entertainment facilities for children.

Private schools strive for excellence: official

MOHAMMED Al Saddah, deputy chairman of Kuwaiti Union, owners of private schools, said the owners do their best to develop the educational process.

Arabic private schools were opened because government schools could not accommodate all expatriates. Foreign schools were opened to help citizens and expatriates obtain an education suitable to their own cultures, he said.

Private schools reduce the state's education expenses. The cost of a pupil in public schools is KD850 per year compared to KD200 including subsidisation paid by the state in private schools, he added.

Private schools offer an advanced level of education

which can be clearly seen in the results of the Secondary School Certificate, the official said.

Tuition fees at private schools in Kuwait are less than those of private schools in other Arab countries. In Bahrain, the fees are about BD550, Jordan, JD300 compared to an average of KD200 in Kuwait.

Curricula in private schools in Kuwait (both Arabic and foreign) do not contradict with the general guidelines from the Ministry of Education, Al Saddah said.

Embassy closed

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Fire Department begins information campaign

KUWAIT'S Fire Department has begun an information campaign designed to educate the public on the prevention of fire hazards, according to the daily Al Seyassah.

The campaign falls within the framework of the department's preparations for the desert excursion season which will begin on Dec 1.

The department will organise several seminars and rallies to be held in co-operation with other authorities. Specialists will be invited to participate and discuss fire prevention and protection, the official said.

The daily quoted the director-general of the Fire Department

Zakat House plans to offer training projects

ZAKAT House's five-year plan will include a large number of projects intended to increase and develop staff and manpower through training projects aimed primarily at Kuwaiti employees in higher and middle administrative posts.

Fuad Al Omar, the director-general of Zakat House, in an interview with Al Seyassah said the house is developing its departments through modern methods to ensure customer satisfaction and speed up the processing of petitions.

Assistance by the house for treatment of patients is in co-operation with the Ministry of Public Health. This applies to patients who are being medically treated outside Kuwait, the official said.

The house also provides assistance to several Arab and Islamic countries. Citizens and residents in Kuwait contribute to this aid.

The house was also concerned with countries ravaged by floods. More than 62 projects were aimed at developing the Sudanese society through construction of mosques, wells and other important projects.

Support was also extended to several Zakat committees in Palestine and assistance was provided to face the Zionist deportations in the West Bank, Al Omar said.

Symposium on AIDS scheduled

THE Ministry of Public Health will participate in celebrations on Dec 3 marking the international day for combating AIDS, according to a local daily.

Dr Abdul Razzak Yousef Al Abdull Razzak, the minister of Public Health will deliver a speech on the occasion. The speech will be broadcast on the radio to students during early morning physical exercises, the daily added.

Nael Al Naqeeb, the ministry's undersecretary, and other senior officials will participate in a symposium on Dec 3 at the Teachers Society headquarters.

Contract signed

KUWAIT, Nov 21, (KUNA): A contract was signed here today with a local company to design and construct buildings and facilities in the West Fintas project at the cost of KD1,377,567.

POWs exchange delayed

GENEVA, Nov 21, (Agencies): The start of the repatriation of sick and wounded prisoners of war from Iran and Iraq had been postponed until Thursday, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said today.

The release of a first wave of 411 Iranians and 1,158 Iraqis was originally due to have started on Sunday, but was first delayed until Tuesday, and now ICRC officials say that it will not start until Thursday at the earliest.

Technical: ICRC spokeswoman Francoise Derron said that the delay was caused by "technical questions," but she declined to elaborate.

According to an Iraqi Foreign Ministry spokesman quoted today by a Western news agency, the ICRC had told Baghdad the delay had been requested by Tehran.

The two sides in the Gulf conflict agreed earlier this month to release all sick and wounded prisoners by the end of the year, with previously registered POWs in this group leaving before Dec 5. Prisoners captured since the start of 1987 who have not yet been registered by the Red Cross will make up the second wave.

Promised

The Red Cross has said that both Iran and Iraq have promised to provide complete lists of all other disabled prisoners, who will be repatriated in another exchange beginning Dec 5.

The ICRC has registered 19,284 Iranian prisoners in Iraq

and 50,184 Iraqis in Iran, but estimates are that each side holds an additional 20,000-30,000.

The Red Cross plans to use a chartered DC-9 jet to fly the prisoners between Tehran and Baghdad, carrying roughly 40 Iraqis and 100 Iraqis each day, under a principle of proportionality according to the overall numbers held by each side.

Under Red Cross plans, each side must hand over prisoners in sequence, according to lists drawn up when the POWs were registered by the Red Cross two years ago.

Check

Before being put aboard the plane for the flight home, each man will be seen by a Swiss official to check that he wants to be repatriated, and by a Red Cross doctor to ensure he is fit to travel.

The ICRC started routine questioning of POWs today to determine their willingness to be repatriated.

Talks

While Iraq has said that it is ready to comply with the Third Geneva Convention and release all of the prisoners now that there has been an end to active hostilities, the Iranians insist that no mass exchange can be made until Iraqi troops leave Iranian territory, under a deal to be worked out in the Geneva peace negotiations.

An agreement to exchange the sick or wounded was the only tangible result of several rounds of peace talks following the Aug 20 ceasefire in the eight-year war.

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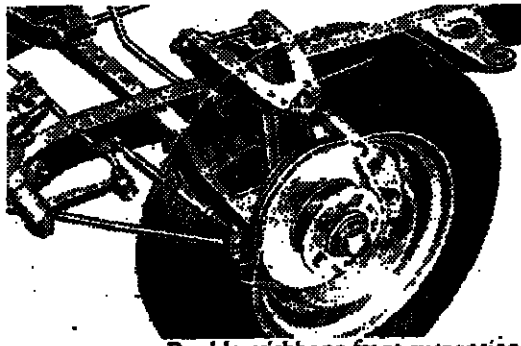
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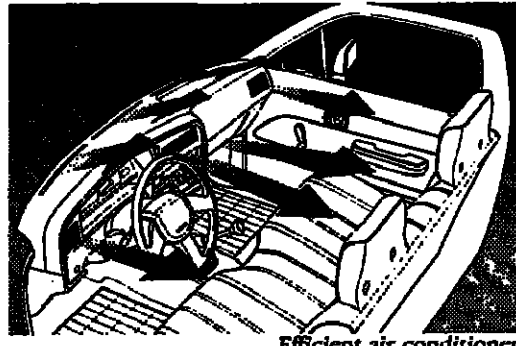
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Municipal elections

Brazil takes sharp turn to the left

By Jorge Medeiros

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP): The strong showing by left-wing candidates in Brazil's municipal elections has raised the profile of opposition challengers for the 1989 presidential race.

Left-wing parties took control in 10 of the nation's largest cities in what was seen as a rejection of President Jose Sarney's policies. Leftist candidates now go into the November 1989 presidential balloting, the first in 29 years, in a strong position.

Sarney and his allies have controlled Brazilian politics since the nation returned to civilian rule in 1985 after 21 years of military government.

Public opinion surveys indicated that voters were dissatisfied with record inflation, political corruption, plunging purchasing power and near-constant strikes. Citizens are blaming Sarney's Centrist Democratic Movement Party for inflation that threatens to hit 2,000 per cent and rising unemployment.

In last Tuesday's balloting, 75 million Brazilians in all 26 states chose candidates from 29 parties for mayoral seats and city councils.

Capture

Brazil has three more seats than it did in 1986. Sarney's party had captured 22 of 23 state governorships in 1986 and swept the last municipal elections in 1985. This time, it won the mayor's seat in only four state capitals.

In next year's election, a runoff between the top two finishers will determine the winner if no candidate wins a majority in the first round.

Various leftist parties won in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and eight other major cities. Still, no leftist party dominates nationwide and there is no guarantee they will forge a unified front in the presidential polling.

After the elections, Congressman Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, the leader and founder of the Workers' Party, is considered a serious contender for the presidency.

"It was a silent revolution," Lula, a former head of Brazil's radical Metalworkers' Union, told reporters. "The people understand now that we are not just another protest vote, but a serious government opposition party."

He emerged as a strong left-wing rival to Leonel Brizola, who has been leading in the polls as the most popular candidate for president. Brizola, the former governor of Rio de Janeiro state who heads the Democratic Labour Party, saw his hand-picked candidate win as mayor in Rio.

The biggest surprise after Tuesday's vote was the projected victory in Sao Paulo of the Workers' Party candidate and self-proclaimed Marxist, Luiz Erundina. With 80 per cent of the vote counted in South America's most populous city, the former social worker led Paulo Maluf, a former military-backed candidate for president, by 5 per cent.

Erundina, 53, told reporters she would fund public health, transportation and abandoned children, in which she says "hardly anything ever was invested before" in the city of more than 12 million.

In Rio de Janeiro, the nation's second-largest city with more than 8 million people, Marcello Alencar of the Democratic Labour Party was leading Jorge Bittar of the Workers Party by 12 per cent with about 50 per cent of the votes counted.

Won

In Belo Horizonte, Brazil's third-largest city, 41-year-old Joao Pimenta da Veiga Filho won by a comfortable margin. He represents the left-centre Brazilian Social Democracy Party, a large group that recently broke away from Sarney's Democratic Movement Party.

Newton Cardoso, centrist governor of Minas Gerais state north of Rio where Belo Horizonte is located, saw all his candidates defeated and is content about the results.

Cardoso, in an interview with Globo, the nation's largest broadcasting network, said of the leftist tilt: "This is dangerous for the country."

The conservative daily O Estado de S. Paulo referred to the victory of leftist mayoral candidates in most southern states as the creation of a "red axis."

Eight years of authoritarian rule

By Spencer Sherman

SEOUL, (UPI): Through eight years of authoritarian rule, former President Chun Doo Hwan said history compelled him to take power in a 1979 military coup.

Now, eight months after he became the first South Korean president to voluntarily step down, history has come back to haunt him. He and his family are caught up in a wide-ranging investigation of corruption and allegations of abuse of power.

Pressure is building on the government to settle the sticky problem of Chun's past and observers say President Roh Tae-Woo may have to step in to end the growing controversy as early as this week when he returns from a trip abroad.

Protests

Newspapers say the options for the former general include a public apology, return of "ill-gotten gains" if they are discovered, an internal exile to his provincial home town or a trial. Some reports say Chun should issue an apology and then take "a long trip" abroad.

Radical students are back in the streets, after a full in violent protests during the Olympics, calling for the arrest of Chun and his wife Lee Soon-Ja for human rights abuses and corruption.

Formerly docile newspapers have taken to calling Chun a "dictator" and "strongman" and state-run television pre-empted programming for three days to show a parliamentary interrogation of Chun's most trusted aides, unprecedented in South Korea's 40-year history.

Even the ruling Democratic Justice Party, which Chun formed in 1980, has called for him to apologise for "wrongdoings" and return any money he might have taken illegally while in power. "Chun has been well-advised to apologise," said the Korea Herald newspaper.

There has been no formal investigation of Chun and few facts uncovered to back up opposition allegations that Chun engaged in corruption on the scale of Ferdinand Marcos, accused in New York of investing \$130 million of stolen wealth in the United States.

Assets

Chun insists that his assets are worth under \$6 million, that he has no hidden wealth and sent no money overseas during his term. He has not been seen in public for more than six months.

But history turned against Chun last April when the opposition won control of the National Assembly. The three main

History has come back to haunt Chun

leaders of the opposition, and many of their followers, spent years in jail, under house arrest and banned from political life while Chun ruled.

President Roh, as part of a promise of democratic reform, has released hundreds of political prisoners and lifted draconian bans on speech, the press and political associations.

If Chun's crimes are as described by the opposition, an apology and return of yet undisclosed "ill-gotten gains" seems like a small price to pay. But the formal public apology holds an important place in Korean society and many feel it would be enough.

Supporters of the apology theory point to the case of Kim Hyung-Hui, the willowy North Korean agent who planted a bomb on a Korean Air jetliner last November that exploded, killing 115 people.

Confession

In a tearful confession last January, Kim apologised for the attack and said she should "die a hundred deaths" for her actions, which were aimed at frightening away Olympic participants.

After the apology, South Koreans embraced her, bachelors proposed marriage.

More political concerns could motivate President Roh Tae-Woo into attempting to sell Chun on the idea, local political observers and diplomats said.

"For all his dirty doings, he did set the first precedent of a South Korean president retiring," said one Western diplomat. "If he suffers too greatly, future presidents could think twice about giving up power."

Roh himself is a former general and was closely allied with Chun. When Chun launched his Dec 12, 1979 coup that brought him to power, Roh moved troops, without permission, off the border with North Korea to support Chun.

It is also unknown how much support Chun still has in the powerful military or how willing its leaders would be to come to Chun's aid if they thought he was being mistreated.

Opposition leaders Kim Dae Jung said recently, however, that the military was not a threat to South Korea's continuing democratic progress.

While Chun has not been directly accused of any crime, more than a dozen family members and associates have been investigated, charged or convicted since he resigned last February.

Power

"A sincere attitude may find the people more...magnanimous than possibly expected," said the Korea Herald newspaper in a recent editorial.

Haiti leader's power base crumbling

By Edwige Balutany

PORT-AU-PRINCE, (Reuters): Haiti's new military leader, General Prosper Avril, completed two months in government this week with his power base crumbling and random violence returning to the streets of his capital.

Avril, whose Sept 17 coup was cautiously welcomed in Washington, faces discontent in the military and opposition to his efforts to fight drug smuggling.

"The Avril government is walking a tightrope. He faces pressure from the US government and from his Duvalierist cronies," Haitian human rights leader Jean Claude Bajeux said.

His administration faces its first significant test today as the autonomous Haitian Workers' Union has called a 24-hour strike in protest against price hikes and civil rights abuses.

Political sources said the strike was expected to have limited effect, but they noted that Avril faces an increasingly difficult economic and political situation.

Election

In an interview with Reuters this week in San Salvador, Foreign Minister Serge Elie Charles said the government aimed to hold elections within two years, though he could not set a timetable and said violence continued to be a problem.

Supporters of former dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier, who fled Haiti for France in February 1986, have eased back into influential roles since the military toppled a civilian government in June.

General Henri Namphy, the ousted military president, was himself overthrown by Avril after proving lenient to Duvalierists.

But according to independent Radio "Haïti", "the former Duvalierist prefect of Gonaïves, Serge Brutus," who was "fired from office after the Avril coup," was reinstated last Thursday.

Money

Economic woes meanwhile have forced Avril to resort to a typical Duvalier manoeuvre, seeking money from businessmen.

Last Friday, Avril asked the private sector to lend the government \$10-15 million, one local businessman said. The money was apparently to be used to pay for barracks.

Since then, more than 80 officers have been retired or transferred from their units. Radio Haïti said on Monday it had information that several senior military officers were transferred last week. There has been no official announcement.

"The September coup has resulted in a breakdown of military discipline that has not yet been solved," a military source said.

Violence has returned to Port-au-Prince streets, with shootings and at least one killing a night, which human rights officials believe could be linked to dissatisfaction with the clampdown on drug trafficking.

Opposition political sources say the violence may be the work of supporters of Colonel Jean Claude Paul, who died of suspected poisoning on Nov 6, or it may be carried out by hardcore Duvalierists seeking to destabilise the Avril government.

White House has become just a mirage for Democrats

By Michael Geib

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Democratic Party insiders, reeling from their fifth loss in the last six presidential elections, are arguing over what went wrong and wondering if the White House has become just a mirage for their candidates.

In the aftermath of Michael Dukakis' overwhelming loss to Republican President-elect George Bush, they cannot agree on whether to blame a fumbling campaign by Dukakis, a failure by the party to understand the concerns of the average voter or a nominating system that produces weak candidates.

The White House loss is doubly frustrating because of the party's success at every other level of American politics.

The election strengthened the Democrats' hold on the House of Representatives, where they have held sway since 1955, and gave them at least one more seat in the Senate, where they have been in control for all but six years in the same period.

Pressure

Many Democrats say the Congressional election victories give them as much claim to a policy mandate as Bush and that the president-elect is already under pressure to compromise on a number of issues, including budget policy.

"Unless Bush is willing to work closely to meet some of that Democratic agenda, (his relationship with Congress) is going to be contentious and difficult," said Massachusetts Democratic Senator John Kerry.

But that sort of cockiness gives way to recrimination when Democrats discuss the White House race.

Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, the epitome of a modern conservative Democrat and often touted as a presidential prospect himself, says Bush won because he pinned Dukakis on the wrong side of such emotional issues as crime, gun control and patriotism.

Nunn and other party moderates say the answer is to choose a more centrist candidate who is not vulnerable on so-called "values" issues.

Competence

But party liberals counter that Dukakis lost in part because his stated decision to run on competence, rather than ideology, made it tough to energise such Democratic core constituencies as blacks, trade union activists and other liberal-oriented groups.

"Dukakis gained ground when he began identifying with traditional Democrats," says New Hampshire Democratic chairman Joseph Grandmaison. "Those who suggest the lesson is to run as if we were Republicans are wrong."

Whatever the case, it is clear that the Republicans begin each campaign with a huge advantage in the state-by-state electoral vote that determines the US presidential winner.

The results of recent elections show Republican candidates have dominated in 31 states with 293 electoral votes — 23 votes more than winning electoral college majority of 270 needed to win.

Votes

Twenty-one states with 187 electoral votes, most of them in the West, have gone Republican in six straight elections. In the same elections the Democrats have carried 10 southern states with 106 electoral votes only once, in 1976 when southerner Jimmy Carter was the candidate.

Voter surveys show the Democrats have increasingly become the party of the disadvantaged.

In the election, they won strong support only from blacks and the poor, taking about 90 per cent of the black vote and better than 60 per cent of those living on poverty level incomes.

But white voters and the more affluent — the majority of Americans — voted mainly Republican.

Some insiders say the Democrats must redesign their nominating system to reduce the

Gorbachev's message to the West

Soviet-Cuban ties remain strong

By Gilles Trequesser

HAVANA, (Reuters): Mikhail Gorbachev will use his forthcoming visit to Cuba to show that Moscow-Havana ties are still strong despite Western reports to the contrary, diplomats here say.

Diplomatic sources say the Soviet leader will arrive on Dec 9 after attending the UN General Assembly in New York and meeting on Dec 7-8 with President Reagan and President-elect Bush.

Cuban leader Fidel Castro, who had been a frequent guest in Moscow, unexpectedly missed the funeral of Russian Konstantin Chernenko in March 1985, when Gorbachev assumed power. The last Kremlin chief to come here was Leonid Brezhnev in January 1974.

Seasoned Havana-based diplomats say wishful thinking sometimes leads Western observers of Cuba to mistake normal differences of approach in socialist nations as a sign of strain in Soviet-Cuban relations.

Socialism

But one Western diplomat said: "Gorbachev is coming to say that socialism can use different roads without betraying its ideals."

The Soviet ambassador to Cuba this month again hailed close ties between the two communist countries.

"We cannot forget that our enemies still try to sow discord between us. But these are sterile efforts. None of this worked in the past and it will be a lot less effective in the present," he said.

When Castro and his Army of rebels triumphed in 1959 to embark on a socialist revolution, it set Cuba on a collision course with the United States that threw the island nation into the Soviet fold.

Cuba has since been the most important physical and political bridgehead for Soviet influence in Latin America and is often



Mikhail Gorbachev referred to as Moscow's largest "aircraft carrier" in the Caribbean.

the big brother's example," one diplomat said.

Castro told a US television interviewer in February that "the Soviets made their own errors. They try to apply Soviet formulas to Soviet problems and we try to find Cuban solutions to Cuban problems."

He has pointed to a so-called "campaign of rectification of errors and negative tendencies" launched in 1986, under his own guidance like all major programmes in Cuba.

And in another disparaging comment on possible Soviet military support he said in July: "If imperialism attacks us, nobody will rush from overseas to defend our island. Because nobody can. Our revolution is 10,000 kms (6,200 miles) from the Soviet Union."

Tehran coming in from the cold

By Ralph Joseph

ATHENS, (UPI): Iran's resumption of full diplomatic ties with Britain is more evidence that Tehran is coming in from the cold in its relations with the West and some of its Arab neighbours, but there is one major exception — the United States.

Iran's Islamic revolutionary regime launched an aggressive campaign to woo the West earlier this year after Iraq gained dominance in the 8-year-old Gulf war. The new policy began to bear fruit almost before the ink was dry on a ceasefire agreement signed by the two adversaries in August.

However, Iran has maintained its public depiction of the United States as "the great Satan."

Iran was one of only a few nations that did not send a congratulatory message to Vice-President George Bush on his election as president, and official Tehran Radio said on Thursday that Washington must return several billion dollars in frozen Iranian assets before any resumption in relations with the United States could occur.

Impossible

Washington has insisted that diplomatic progress is impossible until Iran moves to help free nine Americans held hostage in Lebanon by Iranian-backed guerrilla groups.

Britain, however, agreed to renew normal relations on Thursday after nearly a decade of strained ties without having first gained the release of its three hostages in Lebanon, including Church of England envoy Terry Waite, or even freedom for two Britons imprisoned in Iran.

There were reports that the two sides discussed the hostages' fate in the Vienna negotiations that led to the resumption of full relations. As part of the agreement Iran pledged not to discriminate against British

Italian Communist Party on the decline

● The party's inability to translate its votes into real power at the national level.

● The party's failure to transform itself into a modern reformist political movement.

● Mikhail Gorbachev.

Once a dependent ally of the Communists, under Prime Minister Craxi the Socialists declared their independence, emphasized socialism rather than communist tradition, abandoned revolutionary rhetoric, and advocated an aggressively modern reforming policy to solve Italy's myriad problems.

Craxi argued that by achieving control of the prime minister's post, the Socialists could illustrate their policies in an effective and visible manner. His goal: a vote shift to the Socialists, reversing the Italian anomaly of a large Communist and a small Socialist Party.

This strategy produced the remarkably long-lived and effective Craxi cabinet, which ran the country for three and half years. Although favourable factors such as the drop in oil prices helped, Craxi's policies reversed the prevailing negative economic climate and guided the nation into its current impressive prosperity.

A further result: the accelerated Communist decline. Party leaders spearheaded a broad attempt to sabotage Craxi's policies, completely misinterpreting the country's wishes. The party emerged badly mangled from the June 1987 national elections and from two rounds of local elections this summer.

Most of the lost ballots took off toward Craxi's Socialists. In June, only four percentage points separated the two leftist parties. Communist General Secretary Alessandro Natta was bounced in favour of Achille Occhetto, publicly squabbling organized factions appeared, and local groups demanded the entire leadership's resignation.

all unprecedented events in the rigidly run Communist Party.

So far, Occhetto has failed to stem the Communists' crisis. In an effort to placate party hardliners, he announced a critical attitude toward Christian Democratic leader Ciriaco De Mita's government, but on the local level has engaged in deals with the Mita party to shut out the emerging Socialists.

This policy illustrates the Communists' dilemma. European and American hostility shut them out of the government in the past. In response, they modified their Marxist views and flirted with reformism, but a substantial share of the party balked, attributing ineffectiveness to abandonment of the old ideas. The party pays lip service to its revolutionary heritage and deals with the discredited Christian Democrats to keep a toehold on power, thus hoping to demonstrate that it can provide solutions to the novel problems of a rapidly modernizing society.

These contradictions have proved untenable. A decade ago, Socialist intellectuals mounted an effective attack on the Communist ideology, exposing its dictatorial nature and challenging the Communists to abandon it. With Gorbachev's glasnost and the rehabilitation of Stalin's victims came critical examination of Palmiro Togliatti's close collaboration with Stalin's repressive regime. This analysis set off a national debate, because the late Communist secretary, who made his organization into a potent political force, is still revered by Italian Communists. The party put up a united front in Togliatti's defense, but this facade is now broken.

For the Communists, the future appears bleak. If they abandon their tradition, they divide and weaken their party; if they don't, the crisis will worsen. The Christian Science Monitor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1699 — Treaty is signed by Denmark, Russia, Saxony and Poland for partition of Swedish empire.

1892 — Belgians suppress uprising of Arab slaveholders in Upper Congo.

1915 — British and Turks battle indecisively at Tsiphoon, Mesopotamia.

1943 — Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill, US President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and China's Chiang Kai-Shek agree at Cairo, Egypt, on measures to defeat Japan in World War II.

1947 — UN assembly nullifies oil agreements with Soviet Union.

1962 — Soviet Union announces end of combat-readiness alert of its armed forces imposed at start of Cuban missile crisis.

1963 — US President John F. Kennedy is assassinated as he rides in motorcade in Dallas, Texas.

1970 — Government of Guinea says it is under attack by mercenaries supported by Portugal.

1972 — US President Richard M. Nixon lifts 22-year-old ban on American travel to China.

1974 — UN General Assembly gives Palestine Liberation Organisation observer status.

1977 — Concorde, British and French supersonic airliner, begins service at New York's Kennedy International Airport after lengthy dispute over noise levels.

1986 — Iranian surface-to-surface missile hits residential area in Iraqi capital of Baghdad, wounding 20 civilians.

1987 — Authorities accuse Tamil rebels of attacking Indian troops in northern Sri Lanka in violation of 48-hour truce.

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Fairies in the woods

BRAVO! exclaimed the audience, and applauded for a full five minutes as the stars of the Bolshoi and Lithuanian ballet curtsied on Sunday night, ending their two-day performance at the Andalus Cinema in Kuwait.

The 35 performers danced to a full-house — on both nights, Saturday and Sunday — captivated members of the ruling family, ambassadors, Kuwaitis and others representing a cross-section of the expatriate community in Kuwait.

There was some confusion when the programme, handed out at the door, was not followed. But this was a minor irritant set right by announce-

cements before the dancers took to the floor. They danced like fairies in the woods — ethereal and entrancing.

Tchaikovsky's adagio from the ballet "Swan Lake", danced by N. Beredina and Skirmantas set the pace, followed by Pugnini's pas de deux from "The Festival of Venice", a piece bubbling with vigour. The best moments were the arabesques of dancers Glebova and Kondratov in Le Corsaire and Pavlova and Barikin's glissades and fouettes in Chopin's La Valse and Beredina and Skirmantas pirouetting to Pugnini's pas de deux from Esmeralda.

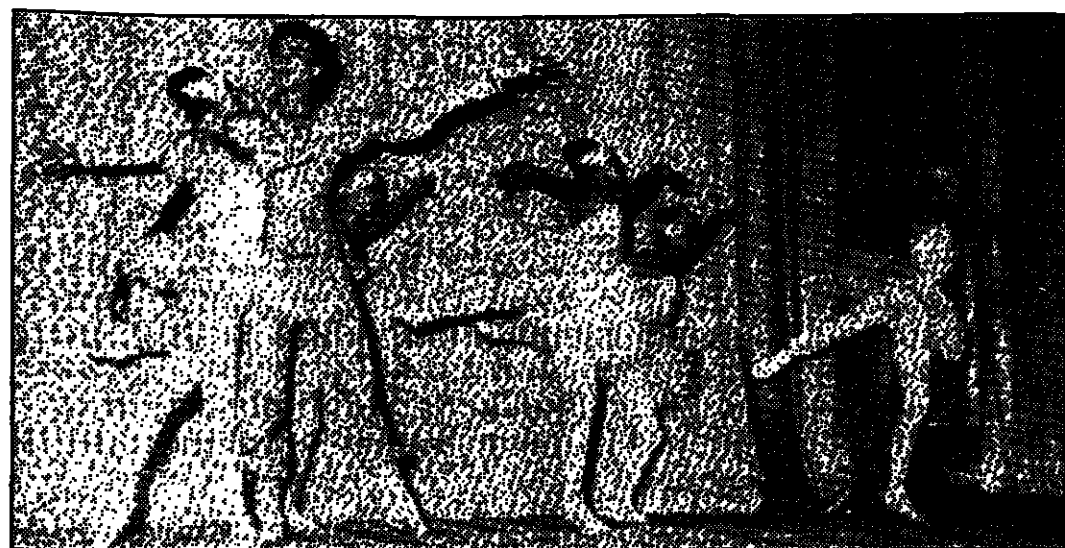
The Bolshoi dancers are said

to be the best in the world.

The dancers who came to Kuwait kept a promise, despite the limitations of space on stage, making the best use of the chance to show off their skills. There was harmony in their movements, and grace in their dances.

If they had danced to live orchestra music and had the decor and stage been similar to the ones in Moscow, their performance would have been unforgettable.

The grace, elegance and perfect timing of dancers, coupled with some exceptionally good dancing, made Sunday night a truly memorable evening. —FA



Dancers captivate the audience. (Photographs by Raed Outaina)

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Indian Contemporary Art Exhibition

Richness in Spirit is the title of an exhibition of Indian contemporary art. Figurative art by 30 painters is on show at the Kuwait National Museum, daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm; until Dec 15.

Boushahrj Gallery
UNTIL NOV 25: Indian artist Amrut Patel displays his paintings at the gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St., open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm; 4 - 8.30 pm.

Painting Exhibition
UNTIL NOV. 30: Kuwaiti artist Fadel Al Abbar is showing a collection of modern art paintings at the Kuwait National Museum; open during museum hours.

Ghadir Gallery
NOV 27 - DEC 31: Paintings of Matthew Digby Wyatt (1820-1877) and antiques will be shown at the Ghadir Gallery, Salsia Complex. The show will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 - 8.30 pm.

CINEMA

Aspects of Modern Soviet Cinema
All films listed below are screened at 7.30 pm at the Chambers of Commerce and Industry auditorium.

NOV 22: "The Theme"; directed by Gleb Panfilov; starring Mikhail Ulyanov, Inna Churikova.

NOV 23: "Choice", directed by Vladimir Naumov; starring: Natalia Belokhostikova, Mikhail Ulyanov.

NOV 26: "Messenger Boy", starring Oleg Basilashvili, Anastasia Nemolayeva; directed by Karen Shakhnazarov.

NOV 27: "Weirdo", starring Christina Orbakaitė, Yury Nikulin; directed by Rolan Bykov.

MUSIC

Swiss pianist gives recital

NOV 23: Swiss pianist Werner Bartschi will give a recital at the Al Jahra Ballroom, Meridien Hotel. He will play compositions by Bach, Chopin, Janacek, Franck and his own works. Tickets available at the hotel.

Piano and Violin Recital
NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will

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present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from Hilton lobby.

Rock the Night
NOV 23 (8 pm); Nov 24 (5 and 8 pm): Sounds Great's show at Salmiya Cinema with music by Seventh Sky. Music of Def Leppard, Joan Jett, Gary Moore, Europe and Heart played by Seventh Sky. Tel: 5740256/7; Riad - 5386294.

Filipino Song Festival
DEC 2: The Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at 4 pm. The venue will be announced later. All Filipinos are welcome.

Upasana
DEC 8: Upasana presents musical evening at IAC. Old and new songs from Malayalam, Hindi and other regional Indian languages will be presented.

LECTURE

British Council
NOV 26-29: A talk on education in Scotland will be given each evening on undergraduate and postgraduate study during a four-day promotion of Scottish universities and polytechnics at the British Council; 2 Al Arabi St., Mansouriya. Open from 9 am to 12.30 pm; 5-8 pm.

SOCIAL

Bangladesh Association
THE Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, will publish a souvenir on the occasion of Victory Day. Bangladeshis are invited to submit articles for the souvenir before Nov 30. For details call Zakir - 4741876; Musaddaque - 2414191; Yousuf - 434555 ext 2754.

Kuwait Welsh Society
NOV 23 (Wed): Kuwait Welsh Society will hold "Tramps Supper". For further details call 3713467.

HOTELS

At the Hilton
THANKSGIVING DAY: Failaka features a special menu for lunch and dinner, offering roasted Virginia turkey with trimmings, open from 12.30 to 3 pm and 7.30 - 11.30 pm. La Palma will offer such traditional fare as baby turkey and other items, for lunch and dinner.

La Palma: Musical luncheon

on Fridays for family and friends from noon to 3 pm. Buffet features a variety of hot and cold Arab and Continental dishes.

Failaka: daily speciality menu and chef's recommendation for lunch and dinner, except Fridays.

At the Meridien
LA BRASSERIE: Mexican Nite every Sunday; buffet features "South of the border" specialities including tacos, tortillas and refried beans.

Thursday's Jam Session, foot tapping jazz music by Remy D'Mello; family fun on Fridays; Oriental buffet with music and video cartoons.

Versailles: lunch and dinner — fish fondue with a wide array of sauces or grilled salmon shingle, grilled beef and other dishes. Businessman's lunch also available. Music by Hany Sorial.

Fingan Tea Lounge: banana promotion; plus tea, coffee, refreshments and juices served in Oriental atmosphere of tea lounge.

At the Ramada
LE MIRAGE Night Club: Thursday night BBQ, full buffet; music by Al Arz Band.

Al Bender Coffee Shop: Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Al Gandou Grill Garden: 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialities. Open Garden: 7 pm to midnight; a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day.

Fish and Chips Shop: 4 pm to 11 pm.

Take away counter: 4 pm to 11 pm, Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

At the SAS
AL BUSTAN Friday brunch: for families from 11.30 am to 3 pm, highlights include music by Polish duo Danuta and Feliks and video corner for kids.

Peacock Room: Chinese meals prepared by chef Von Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wonton, sauteed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetisers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.



Bolshoi dancers: graceful



Kuwaiti artist Fadel Al Abbar's first one-man show opened at the National Museum on Sunday. The collection reflects the artist's urge to capture the past on canvas. Above: Al Abbar explaining the concept of a painting to chief guest Abdul Rahman Al Masrouf, assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

Malayalam play

AN Abbasiya based Indian group, Gayathri Arts, recently launched their first production, a Malayalam play entitled "Karutha Pannam", at a ceremony held at the Indian Embassy hall.

Rehearsals have begun for the play, written by Chandramohan. Directed by Gayathri Arts president Nandakumar, it will be performed in April next year.

Dr K.T.B. Menon, an Indian businessman, was the chief guest. Indian First Secretary Varghese Gee presided and C.I. Philip proposed a vote of thanks.



Nandakumar (left) receiving the script of the play.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Quloob Al Baidah: Arabic serial. Starring: Anwar Ismael, Hala Sudqi, Ahmad Maree.
10.45 Good Morning
11.00 Zawaj Bil Computer: local Arabic serial.
12.00 News Summary
12.15 Variety Show
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons
5.15 Tum Tek and Chil-

5.30 Eureka
6.00 Islam Wal Insaan: historical serial. Starring: Omar Hariri, Zahrat Al Uja, Anwar Ismael, Hala Fakher...
7.00 News Summary
7.30 You and Your Health
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Makaan Fi Al Qalb: Arabic serial.
10.45 Focus on Arab Theatre.
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Dinosaurs: cartoon serial
6.30 Professor Poosangle: children's serial
7.00 Discoveries Under-

water: "Science, Salvage Or..."
8.00 News in English
8.40 Five Mile Creek: Maggie is perturbed after her fugitive husband's departure.
9.30 Easy Street: "Are We?" Eleanor's husband refuses to take order. Starring: Loni Anderson
10.00 Secrets and Mysteries: examines the Pearl Harbour attack during World War II
10.30 Joe Wilson: a drug addict reforms after a chance meeting with a girl.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
The Last Hunter
Starring: David Warrick, Tessa Farrow
Al Jahra
Anarkali (Bengali)
Granada
Deadly Pursuit
Salaibkhat
The Junkman
Al Jeeb
Sahi Khandan (Bengali)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Arbaab Sawabaq (Arabic)

Al Fahheel
Le Grand Carnaval
Al Jahra
Anarkali (Bengali)
Granada
Deadly Pursuit
Salaibkhat
The Junkman
Al Jeeb
Sahi Khandan (Bengali)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Arbaab Sawabaq (Arabic)

PRAYERS

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Zuhr	11.34
Asr	2.31 pm
Maghreb	4.50
Isha	6.11

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PEOPLE

'Kennedy was a human being, not King Arthur'

Setting the record straight on JFK

Today is the 25th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. His former press adviser and close friend Pierre Salinger remembers the man and the myth.

FOR a long time, I remained silent in the face of a mounting campaign to denigrate and even destroy the image of John F. Kennedy.

He has been described as everything from a dangerous incompetent to a sex maniac. I think the time has come to set the record straight.

Kennedy was a human being, not King Arthur. His administration was not Camelot. It became Camelot only after he died, in the context of the vicious bullets that buried an exceptional man. Less than a week after his death, Jackie talked about the lines from a song he loved — *Don't let it be forgot, that once there was a spot, for one brief shining moment that was known as Camelot*. "And it will never be that way again," she said. Camelot was a perfect word for a dream that had been shattered.

But almost 25 years later, has that dream really been shattered? JFK is dead. But the memory he left still creates a special aura, not only in the United States but around the world. And more and more, people are beginning to reflect on how different the world would be today if he had not died.

Success

The success of John Kennedy at the time of his death in November, 1963, was not something one could describe simply with facts. American presidents are, by virtue of the office, the most powerful men in the world. Kennedy, at that moment, was also the most popular man in the world, quite possibly the most popular man in all history.

Not only had he roused his countrymen from their post-World War II torpor, he had

seemed to kindle everywhere a vision about what humankind could and should be. His perpetual tan, expressive grey eyes and compelling face radiated promise.

He was at once elegant and accessible. Above all, he projected a belief in mankind's ability to determine its fate.

My first contact with JFK was in 1956. At the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, which I was covering as a reporter for Collier's magazine, the vice-presidential nomination was snatched away from him and handed to Estes Kefauver, the senator from Tennessee.

Kennedy's speech after he lost the nomination was brilliant. I was hearing a lucid and intelligent young man. He was going to be my candidate for president in 1960. Little did I know then that I would also be working for him.

Impressed

But less than eight months later, when Collier's folded, I was hired by his brother Robert F. Kennedy for the Senate Select Committee investigating labour racketeering. At the first public hearing in 1957, as I was sitting behind Bobby waiting for the first witness, a tall man sat down next to him. "Pierre, this is my brother Jack," Bobby said. I shook hands with John Kennedy.

Over the next two and a half years, I became more and more impressed with him. Of the eight senators on the committee, only two seemed to have done their homework, coming fully prepared for the hearings — John Kennedy and Barry Goldwater. So in September, 1959, when John Kennedy called me to his office and said, "Pierre, I'm going to run for President next year. I want you to be in my campaign," I did not have a moment's hesita-

tion. "Senator, you've got yourself a man."

What a contrast between the election of 1960 and what we are living through today. The day Kennedy started campaigning in New Hampshire in January of 1960, barely 20 reporters were on hand. Television was not a predominant force. There were only 16 primaries to win; no Iowa caucus, no Super Tuesday.

The election gave the nation a look at a Northeastern politician who, travelling across the country during his campaign, was learning about America. Kennedy won by a meagre 100,000 votes, but his inaugural address galvanised the nation. The United States suddenly had a young leader with a beautiful wife and two small children — his daughter, Caroline, and his son, John, born just after Kennedy was elected.

I still look back on those days in the White House with nostalgia and admiration. Kennedy was a very special man. First, unlike many presidents, he was surrounded by a staff of young men and women who from the start were committed to his vision of America. There was no barrier on the President's door. Any of his dozen principal staffers could see him when they wanted to. They didn't need permission from a chief-of-staff to gain access. Second, these staffers believed in each other; there was never an internal White House conflict. The proof: when Kennedy died, the staff was identical to the one in place when he took office.

Relaxed

The White House had a relaxed atmosphere. The President liked to engage the member of his staff in trivial conversation before he got down to serious subjects. He would often roam around the White House, grabbing magazines or books he wanted to read.

And, when the day was over, the staff went home and Kennedy went home, where he was surrounded by his family and the close friends he frequently

invited for dinner and sometimes an early movie.

Kennedy always believed in maintaining two lives. There were his Presidential duties. There was his family and private life. The two were clearly separated. He and Jackie plainly loved each other and had a deep affection for their children. For Jackie, the worst aspect of being in the White House was the press attention paid to the children. She wanted her children to play in their backyard, just as other children did. The problem, of course, was that the backyard happened to be the South Lawn of the White House. I have a pile of letters she wrote me in my capacity as the President's press secretary, complaining bitterly about what she perceived as my inability to keep the press from the children.

Children

"I thought you had made an arrangement with the photos not to take children playing at WH. They have had all the pictures of Macaroni (Caroline's pony) they need. I mean this — want no more and if you are firm and will take the time, you can stop it. So please do. What is a press secretary for — to help the press, yes — but also to protect us."

The President would arrive at the Oval Office early, usually accompanied by Caroline and John. They would spend a few minutes with him before going off to the school Jackie had organized in the White House. He also saw the children at lunchtime and before they went to bed.

Kennedy would leave the office at around one pm and head for the pool built for Franklin Roosevelt. Early in the administration, Joseph Kennedy, JFK's father, commissioned a mural by the French artist Bernard Lamotte, on the walls of the pool. The painting was a recreation of the harbour of St Croix in the Virgin Islands. The lighting system permitted the President to swim in a setting that could simulate high noon or late night, with the moon and stars twinkling.

As to his work, from the start



John F. Kennedy: the memory he left still creates a special aura not only in the United States but around the world

Kennedy had a problem. The narrowness of his victory had not given him the kind of national support he needed. Kennedy understood this. His decision to accept the Bay of Pigs operation from the previous administration turned out to be a drastic mistake.

Kennedy was not a perfect man. He was a human being, not a myth. For all his loftiness of purpose, he did not take himself too seriously. He had no great vision of himself as a political or intellectual giant. He understood that he was a human being, dealing with human problems, and that he would make mistakes. And he did make mistakes. But he was a man who learned from his mistakes, who did not commit them twice.

What made Kennedy special was his view of his responsibilities. He believed in his duty to steer the United States toward a successful future. One prime example: Kennedy understood that when, in 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first artificial

satellite to orbit the Earth, it was a direct threat to the United States. That is why he put into effect a vast US space programme, with the objective to land Americans on the moon by the end of '60s. In 1969, his objective was reached. Sadly, he wasn't there to see it.

His relations with the Soviet Union are another fascinating example of his sense of responsibility toward the future. After the tough summit in Vienna in June, 1961, with Soviet Chairman Nikita Khrushchev, the two leaders began an extraordinary private correspondence. The first letter from Khrushchev was delivered to me in New York's Carlyle Hotel in September, 1961, and the letters continued until Kennedy's death. Probably sometime after the 25th anniversary of his death in November, those letters will be made public.

As one who has read most of them, I believe they will be a stunning revelation of two leaders of confrontation powers groping toward understanding. And, in fact, that



Jack and Jackie: his presidential duties and private life were clearly separated

understanding was beginning to pay off before November 22, 1963. Kennedy's American University speech in June of that year — "we shall do our part," he said, "to build a world of peace where the weak are safe and the strong are just" — marked the beginning of the end of the cold war. Considering that it came only seven months after the Cuban Missile Crisis, the most dangerous confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union since the end of World War II, it showed that this private dialogue was having an effect. Only two months later, the US-Soviet Union signed the Test Ban Agreement. Kennedy's death certainly interrupted the progress of the US-Soviet relations, which were only taken up seriously again when Richard Nixon took office.

There were problems in Vietnam, in the Middle East. There was a major effort to help the underprivileged in Latin America. There were complicated defence problems in Europe. Kennedy was dealing with them.

Lived

What would have happened had he lived? One cannot adopt presidential positions for a man who is dead. But I strongly believe that US-Soviet relations would have continued to improve in an earlier period, when such a shift could have normalised our relations with Cuba and separated the Caribbean nation from the iron grip of Moscow. And because Kennedy was fundamentally against the United States becoming the principal military force in Vietnam, I don't think

he would have sent 500,000 Americans there.

The last time, I saw John Kennedy was November 19, 1963. I was leaving for Tokyo with six members of the cabinet to attend an economic conference. That morning I had received a letter from a woman in Dallas asking me to urge the President not to make the visit there. "Something tells me it is dangerous," she wrote. I mentioned the letter to Kennedy. He smiled briefly. "You know," he said, "anyone can kill a president if he is willing to give up his own life." We shook hands, and I left.

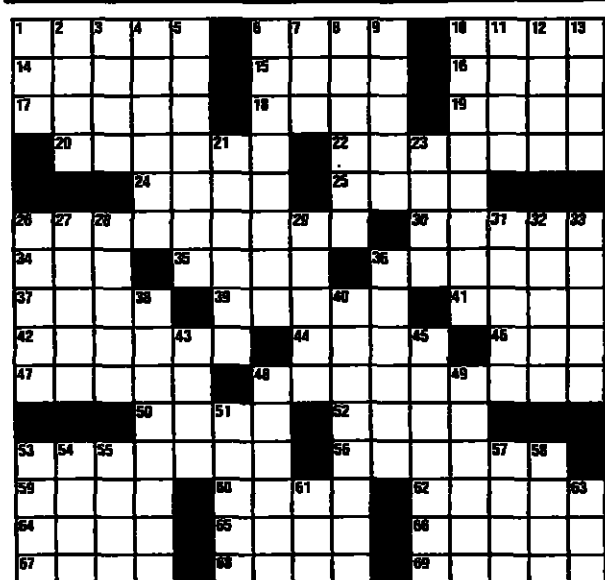
Three days later, after a meeting in Hawaii with American generals to discuss the Vietnam question, we took off from Honolulu for Tokyo. Two and a half hours into the flight, I was summoned to the front cabin where Secretary of State Dean Rusk and the five other cabinet members were sitting around the table with grim looks on their faces.

"Kennedy's been shot in Dallas," Rusk said. "Set up the communications to the White House." In seconds, I was on the line with Washington. There was total confusion and nobody knew what was happening. Rusk ordered the plane to turn around and head back to Honolulu.

Minutes passed, heavy minutes. And then I heard a voice say, "Wayside (my code name), stand by." Every 30 seconds for several minutes, the same message came through. And then I heard the fatal message. "Wayside, Lancer is dead."

A special era in American history had just ended.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Valid equine
 - 2 Cumberbund
 - 3 Bog
 - 4 Distinct style
 - 5 Loathe
 - 6 Hindustani derivative
 - 7 Ethiopian nomad
 - 8 Uttered
 - 9 Matures
 - 10 Lea
 - 11 Indulgent
 - 12 Adjoining
 - 13 Later
 - 14 Maligning
 - 15 Soda sipper
 - 16 Plug
 - 17 Identical
 - 18 Expanse
 - 19 Conception
 - 20 Broadway specialty
 - 21 Word with tide or log
 - 22 House finch
 - 23 Prefer or refer
 - 24 Sorrowful
 - 25 Plunders
 - 26 Vestal virgin, e.g.
 - 27 Othello's aide
 - 28 Passport entry
 - 29 Daffodil's cousin
 - 30 Return to former speed, in music
 - 31 — Ben Adhem
 - 32 Brook
 - 33 Ruth's mother-in-law
 - 34 Grimace
 - 35 In old Rome, 604
 - 36 Thump
 - 37 Stoop
 - 38 Boller
 - 39 Ballesteros
 - 40 Eldritch
- DOWN**
- 1 It precedes zag
 - 2 Dutch cheese
 - 3 Peevishness
 - 4 Choreographer
 - 5 1984 Oscar winner
 - 6 8 p.m. on Broadway
 - 7 Rhine tributary
 - 8 "Hogan's Heroes" locale
 - 9 — of Troy
 - 10 In a fanciful manner
 - 11 Persist
 - 12 Near East gulf
 - 13 Squall
 - 14 Bovine-drawn
 - 15 Proboscis
 - 16 Sturdy fabric
 - 17 One of the media
 - 18 Gland
 - 19 Comb, form
 - 20 Absolutely not
 - 21 Employ again
 - 22 Much put-upon
 - 23 Titan
 - 24 Dandelions, for example
 - 25 Trickery
 - 26 Painted in a special way
 - 27 Whisk or comb
 - 28 Brother to Jacob
 - 29 Gist
 - 30 Gendarmes
 - 31 Taco's relative
 - 32 Hems in
 - 33 Doorpost
 - 34 Woodwind
 - 35 Verb's clause-mate
 - 36 Stream
 - 37 Home of the Hawks
 - 38 Ullmann
 - 39 ETO commander

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BANG SCOUR DORA
OBIA CAINE EPIC
GETS NO PLACEFAST
STATUESQUE MELEE
ADES DEER
RAINED COVE AFS
ALME ALGER MAT
GOATASNAILSPACE
ENG REINE LIEN
DEO MASS LEANTO
FINE HOLY
ADMAN MINISTER
DRAGGEDONESFEET
DEMI NADER ORLE
SWAN CHES RAYS

GOREN BRIDGE

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THE ENDPLAY'S THE THING

Both vulnerable. North deals.
NORTH
♠ 7 4 3 2
♥ A Q J
♦ K 6 4
♣ A K J

WEST
♠ Q J 9
♥ 9 8 3
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 9 8 7 4

EAST
♠ Void
♥ K 10 7 6 5 2
♦ Q 9 8 2
♣ 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 8 6 5
♥ 4
♦ A J 10
♣ Q 10 2

The bidding:

North East South West
1 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♣

With some players, taking a finesse is like climbing Mount Everest — they do it because it's there.

Winning declarer technique, however, calls for finding ways to avoid having to take a finesse, whenever possible.

North's cue-bid of four clubs showed a maximum no trump opening with good spade support. (The fourth spade just upgrades his holding to qualify as "good" support.)

South's leap to the spade slam was a

practical and speedy solution to potential of his side's combined assets. Declarer won the opening club lead in dummy and was prepared to claim his contract until East showed out on the first trump lead. Now, a successful finesse in either red suit would produce the 12th trick. The trouble was that both the heart and diamond finesses could be taken either way (a ruffing finesse is available in hearts), and no competent declarer likes to be faced with a pure guess.

The obvious alternative was to resort to an endplay, and there was one available. Declarer realized that it would not do to draw a second high trump, cash out the clubs and then throw West in with a trump. West would then be able to exit with a heart, and declarer would be faced with the very guess he was trying to eliminate.

There were two solutions to this dilemma, and declarer chose the most elegant. After drawing a second trump, declarer cashed the ace of hearts before stripping clubs from both hands. He then threw West in with a trump, and that West was caught in a foolproof endplay. A club would yield a ruff, and either red suit would guarantee declarer an extra trick in that suit. Very pretty!

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be able to make progress with a matter that has been lagging. You should not allow yourself to get bogged down in detail. Make sure you do not neglect your artistic interests. Be sensible.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

The Moon's worse influence will tend to render you more obstinate. You should not place too much trust in your intuitions. Make sure you get enough regular exercise. Be cordial.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be able to clear up some moments of doubt. Venus' better influence will help you to exercise your charm. Make sure you get all the sleep you need. Be generous.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be better able to deal with a tricky situation. Make sure you pay your fair share of joint expenses. You will not have much luck just now. Be reasonable.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be in better health but must ensure you do not take any health risks. You should try to keep calm in the face of a rather tricky situation. Avoid having too many late nights. Be tactful.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

The situation is more favourable and you will have a good opportunity. Try to concentrate on doing what has to be done and do not dither. Avoid making a nuisance of yourself. Be less loquacious.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will have a lot to do but there is nothing to be gained by getting flustered. You should try to spend a little more time in the open air. Give a friend a ring, but do not spend too long on the phone. Be moderate.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will be able to sort out your ideas. You should not leave until last something that is important but a little unpleasant. Do not take everything quite so literally. Be more proud of yourself.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The Moon's better influence coupled with that of Mars will help you to act more decisively. You should show yourself to be sympathetic towards a friend who has had a bad experience. Do not leave a letter unanswered.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The Moon's better influence will help you to do something that has to be done but you do not enjoy doing. Make sure you do not spend all your leisure hours watching television.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will feel a little restless and unsure of yourself. You should avoid putting cups in a position where they might be spilled. You should be prepared to make a few changes. Be courteous.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You should work hard but also allow yourself time for your leisure pursuits. There will be some stress but if you keep calm you will be able to deal with it. Avoid excessive eating and drinking. Be less personal.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Economy is quite healthy, says Rifai

Japanese firm to set up joint venture in Jordan

AMMAN, Nov 21, (Agencies): Japanese industrial giant C. Itoh and Co. plans to set up a joint venture for paper processing in Jordan, a company official said today.

Iwao Endoh, the firm's general manager for the Middle and Near East, said he expected the project would be operational next year. It would be based in one of Jordan's two free zones.

Endoh declined to name the Jordanian partner in the venture or disclose its cost, but he told Reuters agreement on the deal was close.

Opportunities

He said the venture would import bulk paper supplies from Japan or Europe for conversion into computer paper and other products to be sold in Jordan, Japan and other countries.

Endoh, heading a 19-member

team from C. Itoh on a four-day visit to Jordan, was briefed by officials on investment opportunities, tax incentives and steps taken in August to liberalise licensing procedures for Arab and foreign investors.

His mission was one result of a business delegation which Crown Prince Hassan led to Japan in April in a bid to stir Japanese investor interest in Jordan.

Endoh said he hoped finance for other projects could be drawn from a \$300-million loan which Japan granted to Jordan in December. Almost half the loan has already been allocated to road and education projects.

Projects

"We would like to find suitable projects to utilise that loan, but it is limited to public sector projects," Endoh said.

He said his company had a

strong interest in investing in Jordan's chemical industry, based on potash, phosphates and salts from the Dead Sea, but had made no commitments.

C. Itoh, with a world-wide network of 120 branches, could help to market Jordanian products, he said.

Asked about the impact of Jordan's current economic problems on investment prospects, Endoh said: "We would like to watch and see at what level the dinar's exchange rate stabilises," a lower dinar would encourage Jordanian exports, he said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai yesterday termed Jordan's economy basically healthy, but said austerity measures were needed to cope with large debt payments in the next four years.

"In short... our economy is quite healthy. Economic growth under the circumstances and

with the recession in the area has been excellent," he said in an interview with the Associated Press.

"Our real problem, perhaps our only problem, is the fact that we borrowed money over the last 10 years on the assumption that the Arab states were going to honour their commitments to the Baghdad summit."

Aid

But Arab aid only once matched the pledge of \$1.2 billion a year for a decade made at the 1978 summit. Only Saudi Arabia paid its full share of \$360 million a year.

Rifai said loans incurred in the first years of the commitment brought this country of 2.8 million people to its current foreign debt of nearly \$6 billion.

Service on that debt will peak at "close to \$900 million in 1989 through 1993, prompting the

government to impose austerity measures aimed at saving foreign exchange reserves.

Rifai said the government had no plans to reschedule or refinance those debts.

He said a series of import bans, an effectively devalued dinar and investment incentives should cut the country's balance of payments deficit to \$300 million next year from the previous \$1 billion.

In past years, Rifai said, Arab aid had been used to help cover that deficit.

Funds

"We could not continue living beyond our means indefinitely, relying on funds from outside that might not come," he said.

The country banned for one year imports of vehicles, some appliances, bricks, marble and some luxury items. It also

imposed stiff customs duties on those and other goods.

It put the dinar into a "managed float" that cut the currency's value to about \$2 from \$3 last year. The fall in the dinar triggered widespread anxiety in Jordan's business community.

The country also announced investment incentives and government budget cuts.

Rifai said in the month since investment rules were liberalised, "I think 450 companies have been set up to construct various industrial products. We're talking about close to 60 million dinars of investment."

He said "remittances from expatriates have increased this year," reaching 315 million dinars (\$660 million) so far.

He said those funds were fairly stable because they go to support families here rather than for investment.

American tax hike needed, says Kaufman

WASHINGTON, Nov 21, (Reuters): The US government must soon raise taxes by up to \$20 billion to avoid further drops in the value of the dollar and higher interest rates, Wall Street economist Henry Kaufman said yesterday.

"I believe that in the current fiscal year and running into early 1990 we ought to increase revenues somewhere between \$15 billion and \$20 billion," Kaufman said in a television interview.

His comments added pressure on President-elect Bush to consider new taxes to reduce the huge federal budget deficit. On Saturday Congress' investigative arm, the General Accounting Office, said new taxes would be needed as part of a credible effort to resolve the budget problem.

Campaign

During the presidential campaign and since November 8 Bush has repeatedly resisted suggestions that taxes will have to be raised to narrow the deficit, which totalled \$155 billion in the year ended on September 30.

Kaufman, a well-known economist who now runs his own Wall Street firm, also said he expected US interest rates to continue their upward trend.

"We're in very volatile financial markets and I would suspect that the irregular upward movement in interest rates that started this year certainly will continue," he said.

Kaufman was asked what would happen if Bush remain firmly opposed to any tax increase.

"Under those circumstances the dollar will weaken and it will put further pressure on the central bank to tighten monetary policy in order to stabilise conditions and in order to limit the inflationary impact," he said.

Economic talks planned

ANKARA, Nov 21, (Reuters): Turkish and Jordanian ministers and officials will meet in Ankara tomorrow to discuss economic co-operation and ways of increasing trade, officials said today.

The Turkish-Jordanian mixed economic committee, meeting for its third session, will discuss close ties in tourism, communications and transport and is expected to sign a protocol at the end of the four-day meeting.

The Jordanian delegation will be headed by Supply, Trade and Industry Minister Hamdi Al Tebbas and State Minister Kamran Inan will lead the Turkish side.

Riyadh wants to compete in US, European and Japanese markets

New Saudi oil firm takes over ARAMCO concessions

BAHRAIN, Nov 21, (Agencies): A newly-created Saudi state oil company is to assume control of the infrastructure taken over earlier from ARAMCO (the Arabian American Oil Company), Oil Minister Hisham Nazer said.

This will turn the Saudi Arabian Oil Company, whose formation was announced on Nov 9, into the biggest oil producer in the world, he told the official Saudi Press Agency.

Saudi Arabia took over the ARAMCO concessions operated by four US oil giants — Mobil, Texaco, Chevron and Exxon — in 1976 but did not create a formal institution to run them.

"When Saudi Arabia bought the infrastructure built by ARAMCO, it did not have the administrative apparatus to receive and develop it in order to create the Saudi Arabian Oil Company," Nazer said.

But he said the newly-formed

company would now own the concessions and would have the legal status to sell oil world-wide.

Saudi Arabia aimed to create a system able to respond quickly and effectively to market needs by reducing costs, he said. To achieve this, it was setting up an international marketing company to sell crude throughout the world.

"Before, this was done by the four big (ARAMCO) partners through other arrangements that sometimes led to the loss of part of the kingdom's share in marketing because of the lack of an effective marketing apparatus," Nazer said.

Relations

He said existing marketing and trade relations with the major companies had been kept in place and there was continuous co-operation in all fields between the new company and ARAMCO.

Meanwhile, Nazer said Saudi Arabia is seeking more

involvement in refining and marketing oil products as a buffer against swings in crude oil prices.

In an interview on state-run television, Nazer said the Saudi oil industry wants to compete in United States, European and Japanese markets through joint ventures with foreign oil concerns.

The Saudi Arabian National Oil Company, which runs the kingdom's oil industry, recently launched a joint venture with Texaco Inc to refine and market petroleum in the United States.

"The American market is big and there is still more to it, while there is the very big market in Japan and Europe and Far East, and we as processors of oil must storm these markets and ... guarantee marketing outlets for Saudi crude oil," Nazer said in the interview, broadcast yesterday.

Nazer also mentioned plans for similar deals in European and

Japanese markets, noting that prices of refined products remain steady despite fluctuating crude prices.

"In case the price of crude oil drops, the income would be compensated somewhat through preserving the price levels of refined products," he said.

Declining oil prices since 1982 have meant six straight years of budget deficits in Saudi Arabia, the biggest producer among the 13 Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Saudi Arabia has the world's largest oil reserves.

Prices

The current world oil glut has forced prices down to about \$13 a barrel, well below the OPEC benchmark price of \$18.

Nazer said the kingdom's oil development strategy "would be lacking if it did not comprise all stages of the industry starting from the wellhead and ending with the gasoline station."

The Texaco deal gave the king-

dom a 50 per cent stake in three Texaco refineries and nearly 12,000 service stations in the United States. It was the first major Saudi attempt to guarantee outlets for its crude oil.

Revamping the Saudi oil industry also includes measures to improve profits at the state-run refining and marketing company Petromin, Nazer said. Petromin controls all but one of the kingdom's six oil refineries, operates three lubricants plants and distributes and exports refined products.

Petromin also controls exploration and development of non-oil mineral resources such as bauxite, the raw material for aluminium, and gold.

"The aim is to convert all of Petromin's tasks to profit centres that bring additional revenue to the state and then to reduce the expenditure costs in Petromin," Nazer said. He said savings of 500 million riyals (\$133 million) already have been made.

Japan a most promising market for Qatari gas

TOKYO, Nov 21, (OPECNA): Dr Jaber Al Marri, managing director of the Qatar General Petroleum Corporation (QGPC), now here to explore the Japanese market for Qatari Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), has said that the prospects look "most promising", especially in the 1990s.

He told a correspondent of the Qatar News Agency that he had received "very positive response" from major Japanese industrial and power companies, as well as city gas supply firms,

for not only LNG but also Qatari petrochemicals because "our prices are highly competitive."

He said in addition to Japan, China and Korea were also potential customers of Qatari LNG and petrochemicals.

The QGPC delegation, led by Al Marri, has been conferring with officials at the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry and executives of large industrial, power and gas companies. Now in Osaka, the delegation will return to Doha tomorrow.

A Japanese government spokesman told correspondents that Japan gave priority to LNG after nuclear power. Currently, he added, the country was dependent on LNG imports from the Southeast Asian region, OPEC member Indonesia being its principal supplier.

"Japan is looking for new and stable supplies for the next decade," the Qatari official said, adding that its LNG needs, now around 10 per cent, would increase to over 12 per cent in the next decade.

Steel output of major producers rises

BRUSSELS, Nov 21, (AP): The steel output in the non-Communist world rose five per cent in October to 41 million metric tons from 39 million tons in the corresponding year-earlier month, the Brussels-based International Iron and Steel Institute reported yesterday.

The production rise was led by the European Economic Community, whose steelmakers boosted their production by nine per cent to 12.3 million tons in October from 11.3 million tons a year earlier.

Growth in US steel production slowed to an increase of one per cent in October to 7.4 million tons from 7.3 million tons in October 1987.

Japanese steel producers increased output by five per cent to 9.37 million tons from 8.9 million tons in October 1987.

For the first 10 months of 1988, output of crude steel by non-Communist nations rose by 9.9 per cent to 391.3 million tons from 356.6 million tons in the corresponding year-earlier period.

Steel producers in the institute's survey account for 59 per cent of 1987 world production and for 97 per cent of world production excluding the Soviet Union and other East bloc countries, along with China and North Korea.

Meanwhile US steel imports for the first three quarters this

year was 16.1 million tons, up 8.2 per cent for the same 1987 period, two steel industry trade groups reported on Wednesday.

The American Iron and Steel Institute, which represents US steelmakers, said the 1988 imports thus far represented 20.6 per cent of the US market, down from 21.2 per cent in the first three quarters of 1987.

The American Institute for Importers Steel Inc, of New York, which represents 70 leading steel importers, said imports for the first nine months included 2.3 million tons of semifinished steel bound for US mills. Excluding the semifinished steel, AISI calculated raw steel imports at 17.7 per cent the US market.

US proposes ways to end coffee talks stalemate

LONDON, Nov 21, (Agencies): The United States, the world's biggest coffee consumer, said yesterday it had suggested ways to end coffee sales to Arab and East European countries at cheaper rates than most of the rest of the coffee-drinking world.

The suggestions, which have not yet been formally proposed, could break deadlock over a new coffee price support pact to replace the existing accord which expires next September, said Jon Rosenbaum, chief US negotiator at International Coffee Organisation talks in London.

The organisation, which groups 50 coffee producing nations and 24 importers, has been divided over ways to end sales to non-member countries, mainly in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, at discounts of up to 50 per cent on the price that member countries have to pay.

Scheme

Rosenbaum said the US suggested a self-financing stock retention scheme, whereby producers would be obliged to hold or release stocks depending on prices.

The other suggestion was to prevent a future coffee agreement coming into force until countries accounting for 95 per cent of world coffee imports agreed to join.

The International Coffee Organisation's 24 consumer members account for over 80 per cent of total imports.

Delegates attending the last

scheduled day of the London talks said coffee-producing nations were likely to oppose both ideas and said they were uncertain how much support they would find among consumers. The US coffee industry itself is opposed to the stock retention scheme, US delegates said.

Rejected

Coffee producers rejected on Tuesday a proposal by consumer nations for a "universal quota" which would bring all exports under the organisation's price and output rules.

Brazil, the biggest producer, made a counterproposal on Thursday that would call on central banks to make sure coffee was being sold to members and non-members at the same price.

But the suggestion was not well received by consumers including West Germany, Britain, the Netherlands and the US, Brazil's delegate acknowledged.

Delegates said the negotiations, which formed the first round of talks for a new pact, were confused and it was difficult to see if any progress had been made towards narrowing differences between producers and consumers.

All members of the present pact, administered by the International Coffee Organisation from its London headquarters, agreed earlier this year to seek a replacement.

World Business Summary

Brazilian oil strike ends

SAO PAULO, Nov 21, (Reuters): Brazilian oil workers today ended a 10-day strike which the government had said threatened the country with chaos. The return to work brought an easing of tensions in a month which has seen the oil industry since civilian President Jose Sarney took office in 1985. The state-controlled oil company Petrobras said it expected most of its 61,000 employees to return to work today. The strike, the biggest in the history of Brazil's oil industry, halted all petroleum products exports and threatened the country with shortages of cooking gas, aviation kerosene and other fuels. Union leaders accepted a 15 per cent pay increase offered over the weekend. They had originally sought a 26.06 per cent rise. Sarney, in a radio broadcast last Friday, told the nation that if the strike continued it would cause chaos and revolt. Two days before the oil strike began, the Army stormed the strike-bound steel plant of Volta Redonda in Rio de Janeiro state, killing three workers, considering the strike a threat to national security. The strike threatened to outlast the government. Mines and Energy Minister Aureliano Chaves argued for a 20 per cent pay rise for the workers, but Finance Minister Malton Nobrega and others in the government argued for a smaller increase.

With inflation at nearly 30 per cent a month, Brazil has experienced a rash of strikes in recent months which have disrupted public transport, electricity supplies, universities, the oil industry and the steel industry. The strike at Volta Redonda, which began on Nov 7, is still under way. The agreement that ended the oil workers' strike included a commitment by Petrobras not to punish strikers to introduce a six-hour shift within 60 days, and to give a four per cent productivity bonus. The oil workers had demanded a pay rise to compensate them for inflation in the month of June 1987. That month had been left out of a government programme linking pay rises to inflation.

Nabisco extends deadline for bids

NEW YORK, Nov 21, (Reuters): Tobacco and food giant RJR Nabisco Inc said yesterday it has extended the deadline for bids for the company in the biggest corporate auction ever and disclosed a surprise offer by a group led by First Boston Corp. Nabisco's special board committee announced after a meeting it had extended the deadline, originally set to expire last Friday, by 11 days to Nov 29 at 5 pm (2200 GMT). It said a group consisting of First Boston and Resource Holdings Associates offered \$15.75 billion and the group planned to sell the company's food holdings for a \$13 billion note. The First Boston Group could ultimately pay shareholders \$98 to \$110 in a deal which could be worth up to \$25 billion, the company said. Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co on Friday made a cash tender offer of \$94 a share in a bid worth roughly \$22 billion. The offer was raised from a previous \$90 a share, or \$20.7 billion. An RJR Nabisco management group along with Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc and Salomon Brothers Inc bid \$100 a share, or about \$21.2 billion. Analysts said the complicated First Boston proposal appears to be the highest offer and virtually ensures another round of bidding by the Nov 29 deadline. Nabisco said the committee decided not to recommend any of the proposals at this time. It said it extended the deadline because of varying terms, values and considerations associated with each bid. The company said the three bidders would be able to continue or finalise their current proposals, withdraw them or submit revised bids. A Kohlberg Kravis Roberts spokesperson said the company would consider its alternatives before deciding what further steps, if any, it might take.

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3. **Design Engineer**
BSc Civil Engineering, 10 years' experience in design and planning.
4. **Materials Engineer**
BSc Civil Engineering, 10 years' experience in material testing, quality control, material scheduling and mix designs.
5. **Quantity Surveyor**
Diploma in quantity surveying, 10 years' experience in scheduling, estimating and site measurements.
6. **Planning Engineer**
BSc Civil Engineering, 5 years' experience in planning.
7. **Draftsman**
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Economic Forum holds annual general body meeting

NRI group gives guidelines to expat Indian investors

THE Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Investors Group Bahrain, held its annual general body meeting at the Diplomat hotel on Friday.

The meeting, organised by the Bahrain chapters of the Institute of Engineers (India) and the Institution of Chartered Accountants, was attended by nearly 100 committee members and guest speakers from various professions in the island.

Nevin Megchiani, president of the group, spoke about the role and objectives of the group in Bahrain. He said that the NRI Investors Group, also known as an "Economic Forum" was established to assist expatriate Indians in the country by providing information on setting up a business venture back in India.

"We are here to help our fellow non-resident Indians solve any

problem they may have on investing in any commercial project in India. Basically we provide them with useful information and guidelines on what they should expect before setting up an industry in India. We tell a prospective investor living outside India about the rules, facilities and industrial laws that exist for starting any kind of business."

Product

Megchiani highlighted the activities of the group in Bahrain over the last few months. He said the group has been keeping NRIs informed about business opportunities in India. He called for more volunteers to help in the work of the group. He said there are a growing number of talented professional NRIs in Bahrain whose support and involvement are keenly sought by the group.

R.N. Ghosh, a leading

mechanical engineer employed with the Ministry of Works, Power and Water, presented a paper on industrial opportunities for NRIs in India — focusing on "service organisations as a support to industries" and "service organisations for the repair of products and refurbishment of spare parts."

He emphasised the importance of plant and equipment maintenance in both heavy and service industries in India to ensure production of quality goods. He said India particularly lacks maintenance facilities for petrochemical industries and agriculture.

"At the moment India does not have a single industry with proper maintenance facilities, unlike the developed countries," said Ghosh, who also works for some of India's biggest industrial

houses including Birla.

A chemist also employed with the Ministry of Works, Water and Power, cited the example of Latex Glove as possible industrial project in India for NRIs.

He said Latex Glove, a good deterrent against AIDS, could be a suitable project for an overseas Indian investor. According to him, such a project should cost Rs. 110 lakhs (inclusive of plant and equipment) and generate a turnover of Rs. 2 crores. The plant would be operational non-stop for 300 days in a year.

Problems

N. Mayuranathan, a chartered accountant employed with Bahrain Airport Services, presented papers on financial matters, including taxation, related to setting up of an industry in India. He said one of the common problems facing NRI

investors is their ignorance of financial considerations and industrial laws for small, medium and large scale industries in India. He emphasised the importance of adequate market research.

The stock market in India, the Bombay Stock Exchange was discussed by P.G. Parikh, a top financial consultant from Bombay. He detailed the procedures and intricacies of buying and selling shares throughout India for NRIs.

There are 70,000 Indians in Bahrain, of which about 3,000 are NRI investors, according to Rajeev Shaney, a committee member. Meanwhile, the Non-Resident Indian Group-Bahrain will be sending a strong team to the forthcoming second Gulf NRI seminar to be held from Dec 16-18 in Dubai.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ABBEY LIFE	268.0
ADT LTD	121.0
ALD LYONS	470.0
AMSTRAD	172.0
ARGYL GP	165.0
ASDA GP	144.0
BAA	277.0
BTR	286.0
BAT INDS	442.0
BARCLAYS	414.0
BASS	60.0
BEAZER	176.0
BEECHAM	461.0
BERISFORD	399.0
BICC PLC	380.0
BLUE ARROW	90.0
BLUE CIRC	437.0
BCC GP	414.0
BOOTS CO	229.0
BRP INDS	258.0
BR COM	222.0
BR AIRWAY	58.0
BR AEROSP	469.0
BR GAS RT	160.0
BR GAS RG	160.0
BR LAND	372.0
B.P.	243.0
B.P.PP	41.35
BURMAN CO	254.0
BURTON	513.0
BURTON	183.0
CABLEWIR	360.0
CADBURYS	354.0
COATS VVI	171.0
COMINT	323.0
COONS GOLD	195.0
COONS GOLD	195.0
COURTAULD	310.0
DALGETY	310.0
DIXONS	137.0
ENIC CHINA	481.0
ENTER OIL	515.0
FKI BAKK	134.0
FERRANTI	97.0
FISONS	243.0
GATEWAY	163.0
GEN ACCID	828.0
GEN ELEC	175.0
GLAXO	557.0
GRANDAD	332.0
GLOBE	144.0
GLYNED	302.0
GUARD RYL	180.0
GON	316.0
GUINNESS	322.0
HANSON	148.0
HARRISON	685.0
HARVEY	550.0
HILLSDOWN	66.0
ICI	004.0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALICE	734.74	734.74
2ND GROUP	119.0	119.0
A-AMER TS	362.0	363.0
A.B.ELECT	431.0	433.0
A.S.W.HLD	201.0	201.0
AAS KENT	90.0	90.0
AAH HLD	286.0	285.0
AARONSON	124.0	124.0
ADDISON	38.0	38.0
ADJUST	185.0	185.0
ALEX MKW	169.0	170.0
ALEXON	343.0	342.0
ALD COLL	124.0	125.0
ALD IR W	238.0	239.0
ALD LDN	134.0	135.0
ALD PLNT	67.0	68.0
ALLIANCE	824.0	824.0
AMBER DAY	47.4	47.4
AMEC	358.0	360.0
AMER TST	127.6	127.4
AMERSHAM	536.0	536.0
AMT HLTIC	251.0	251.0
ANGLIA TV	217.0	217.0
ANSBACHER	82.0	84.0
APPLYARD	462.0	462.0
APV PLC	111.0	111.0
ASHLEY LA	302.0	303.0
AUTO REED	302.0	303.0
AUTO SEC	271.0	272.0
AVEL PLC	82.4	82.4
AVESCO	115.0	115.0
AVON EUR	335.0	336.0
AVON RUBB	681.0	680.0
B.WEIMILL	206.0	206.0
BAILL JAY	467.0	467.0
BAILL SHI	79.4	79.0
BALD (W)	238.0	237.0
BANK IRE	238.0	237.0
BANKER IT	72.4	72.0
BARKER DO	117.0	118.0
BART DEV	180.4	182.0
BAYNES C	29.0	30.0
BBA GROUP	172.0	174.0
BEAR B-T	3.0	3.4
BEAR BRAND	11.2	11.2
BEATTIE J	158.0	159.0
BEJAN GP	196.0	194.0
BELHAVEN	55.4	56.0
BELLWAY	234.0	235.0
BENROSE	224.0	225.0
BEMLUX RD	50.0	50.0
BERKELEY	276.0	276.0
BHAM MINT	442.0	442.0
BHM GROUP	102.0	103.0
BK OF SCO	350.0	351.0
BLACK LE 2	12.0	12.0
BNETT +F	34.0	34.0
BOASE MAS	242.0	241.0
BODDINGTON	162.0	163.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 IND	1480.0	1489.0	1487.5	1373.3
FT 500 ORD	951.59	951.59	951.57	957.6
FT ALL SHR	88.21	88.21	87.94	88.49
FT GOV SEC	176.2	176.2	178.3	171.6
FT GDS NF	570.11	570.11	568.72	596.93
FT HINES F	1726.8	1726.8	1739.5	1765.2
FT OIL	136.05	135.21	135.34	125.62
FT MLD DLR	111.04	110.59	110.16	110.62
FT MLD LOC	118.75	118.21	117.99	115.01

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS STEADY NEAR DAY'S LOWS IN LATE TRADING

LONDON, NOV 21, LONDON - SHARE PRICES STEADIED NEAR THE DAY'S LOWS IN LATE TRADING, HAVING EASED IN RESPONSE TO A LOWER TREND ON WALL STREET, BUT SELLING INTEREST WAS MINIMAL AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF MODEST OVERALL TURNOVER.

AT 1619 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS SIX POINTS OFF AT 1,817.4 ON TURNOVER OF 303.3 MLN SHARES.

DEALERS SAID NERVOUSNESS OVER WALL STREET'S NEAR TERM PATH AND HESITANCY AHEAD OF U.K. OCTOBER BALANCE OF PAYMENTS FIGURES DUE ON FRIDAY WERE KEEPING INVESTORS ON THE SIDELINES.

DEALERS NOTED THAT THE DOLLAR SHOWED REVENED WEAKNESS AFTER U.S. PRESIDENT-ELECT GEORGE BUSH SAID CUTTING THE U.S. BUDGET DEFICIT WAS A TOP PRIORITY BUT HE WILL NOT CHANGE HIS VIEW ON NOW TO REDUCE THE SHORTFALL.

THE U.K. EQUITY MARKET'S ATTENTION IN THE SHORT TERM WILL BE FIXED ON WALL STREET'S PATH WITH NEWS EXPECTED ON TUESDAY ON U.S. OCTOBER CONSUMER PRICES AND EARNINGS AS WELL AS A STATEMENT ON THE FEDERAL BUDGET.

TRADERS WILL BE WATCHING OUT FOR FRESH SHARP DOLLAR DECLINES IF EITHER SET OF INFORMATION UNSETTLES THE U.S. CURRENCY.

London Gold

LONDON, NOV 21, REUTER - GOLD BULLION HAD ITS LOWEST FIX FOR NEARLY THREE WEEKS THIS AFTERNOON BUT THEN TRIMMED LOSSES AS THE DOLLAR WEAKENED AGAINST OTHER LEADING CURRENCIES.

DEALERS SAID THE WEAKNESS OF SILVER PRICES HAD CONTRIBUTED TO A LOWER AFTERNOON FIX OF 415.95 DLS AN OUNCE, DOWN FROM AN EARLIER SETTING OF 416.60 AND PREVIOUS CLOSE OF 417.50/418.00.

BUT DOLLAR WEAKNESS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIXING HELPED GOLD TO RECOVER TO AROUND 416.50/417.00 DLS.

U.S.-BASED SETTING ON COMEX SAU SILVER DECLINE TO AROUND SIX DLS AN OUNCE, DOWN FROM A CLOSING RANGE ON FRIDAY OF 610/612 AND A MIDDAY FIX OF 613.85.

London Money Market

LONDON, NOV 21, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES REMAINED LITTLE CHANGED FROM FRIDAY'S LEVELS IN QUIET LATE TRADING WITH NO NEW FACTORS EMERGING TO AFFECT SENTIMENT.

ONE MONEY BROKER SAID, "THE MARKET'S ON HOLD UNTIL THE (U.K.) BALANCE OF PAYMENTS NUMBERS ON FRIDAY. I CAN'T SEE ANY BIG MOVES UNTIL THEN."

TRADERS SAY THE BRITISH TRADE AND CURRENT ACCOUNT DATA FOR OCTOBER ARE THE ONLY THING LIKELY TO CHANGE RATES AND EXPECT THE MARKET TO REMAIN IN A NARROW RANGE UNTIL THEN. THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS QUOTED AT 12-13 1/8 PCT WITH OTHER DATES OUT TO ONE YEAR AT 12-14 1/8 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
DLR	1.8160/70	1.7365/70	5.9315/45	NOON
STG	1.7317/397	3.145/159	10.7690/805	NOON
DMK	5.925/957	10.7635/7815	34.141/42.05	FIX
FFR	14.580/4590	2.6470-6503	83.99-84.09	24.57-60
YEN	1.9570	3.3560	112.76	33.00
ECU	1.19377	.657183	2.07215	7.08087
SDR	1.35918	0.750182	2.36688	8.08168
SDR RATES	18/11/88			21/11/1988

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
BOOTH SHIP	580.0	578.0
BOOTH SHIP	580.0	578.0
BORTHWICK	59.0	59.0
BR ARROW	106.0	106.0
BR ASSETS	68.0	68.0
BR DREDGI	132.0	132.0
BR VITA	229.0	229.0
BREIT CHE	143.4	145.0
BREIT MCR	368.0	368.0
BRIDON	181.0	182.0
BRITANNIC	187.0	188.0
BRITANNIC	335.0	334.0
BRIXTON E	351.0	351.0
BRYANT GP	123.0	123.0
BSG INTL	61.0	61.0
BSR INTL	69.4	70.0
BULLOUGH	465.0	463.0
BULMER HP	162.0	163.0
CALENDONIA	357.0	358.0
CALOR GRP	393.0	394.0
CAMB ELEC	194.0	240.0
CANFORC	225.0	225.0
CANNING W	280.0	279.0
CANNON ST	489.0	489.0
CAP.RADIO	344.0	344.0
CARADON	170.0	169.0
CATER ALL	345.0	350.0
CATTLE HD	62.0	62.0
CAULDON	9.0	9.0
CENTRAL TV	590.0	588.0
CHAM PHRR	152.0	152.0
CHARITARIA	20.0	20.0
CHAS CHUR	99.0	99.0
CHILDE	27.0	27.0
CHRISTIES	585.0	583.0
CITICORP	44.0	44.0
CITICORP SEC	51.4	52.0
CLAYTON OIL	153.0	153.0
COALITE	325.0	326.0
COATES BR	390.0	390.0
COLLINS A	600.0	630.0
COLLINS W	800.0	805.0
COLLOROLL	160.0	161.0
COMNELL	253.0	250.0
COSTAIN	320.0	320.0
COURTS FR	200.0	200.0
COVITE (T)	149.0	148.0
CRH	126.0	126.0
CRITON	650.0	650.0
CRITON RYT	188.0	189.0
CRYSTALAT	161.0	160.0
CTRY PROP	264.0	265.0
DARES EST	29.0	29.0
DAVIS GDD	162.0	163.0
DAVIS GDD	162.0	163.0
DE LA RUE	438.0	440.0
DELTA GRP	281.0	282.0
DEWENISH	314.0	312.0
DEWHIRST	40.4	41.0
DIPLOMA	210.0	209.0
DOBBSON PK	96.4	96.4
DOUGLAS R	300.0	301.0
DOUDINGHAM	60.0	60.0
DOVITY GRP	229.0	228.0
DRAYTON C	466.0	466.0
DRG	479.0	479.0
DUKEMISTR	291.0	292.0
DUNDEE LD	229.0	230.0
DUNHILL	13.4	13.4
EAGLE TST	153.4	153.4
ELECTRON	195.0	195.0
ELLIS EVA	167.0	167.0
EMAP	216.0	217.0
EMPIRE ST	219.0	219.0
EURO GROUP	313.0	310.0
EURO HOME	400.0	398.0
EUBROTHER	389.0	390.0
ELBURN INT	24.2	24.4
ELTINTL UT	182.0	182.0
EVODGE GRP	190.0	190.0
EXPANET	28.0	28.0
F&C ENTER	232.0	232.0
F&C EUROAT	142.4	144.0
F&C SKILLR	69.4	69.0
F&C SHILLR	145.0	146.0
F&C HOUNS	278.0	277.0
F&C HOUNS	183.0	183.0
F&C HOUNS	262.0	261.0
FINLAY GP	77.0	80.0
FINLAY J	118.0	118.0
FITCH LOV	258.0	258.0
FKB GP	284.0	283.0
FKB GROUP	280.0	285.0
FLING AME	110.4	110.0
FLING F&E	196.0	196.0
FLING INIV	148.0	149.0
FLING JAPN	215.0	216.0
FLING JAPN	50.0	51.0
FLING JAPN	276.0	276.0
FLING JAPN	448.0	449.0
FLING JAPN	256.0	255.0
FLING JAPN	430.0	431.0
FLING JAPN	49.0	50.0
FLING JAPN	370.0	371.0
FLING JAPN	133.0	134.0
FLING JAPN	70.0	70.0
FLING JAPN	302.0	303.0
FLING JAPN	231.4	233.0
FLING JAPN	120.0	126.0
FLING JAPN	167.0	161.0
FLING JAPN	167.0	161.0
FLING JAPN	218.0	218.0
FLING JAPN	730.0	730.0
FLING JAPN	47.4	48.0
FLING JAPN	226.0	227.0
FLING JAPN	432.0	434.0
FLING JAPN	34.4	34.4
FLING JAPN	297.0	298.0
FLING JAPN	240.0	239.0
FLING JAPN	321.0	320.0
FLING JAPN	276.0	276.0

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	292.8	292.9	299.2	259.3
AUSTRIA	239.7	239.4	240.0	215.4
BELGIUM	418.4	418.8	421.4	260.2
CANADA	348.1	345.3	346.8	330.7
DEMARK	485.1	480.3	480.3	356.6
FRANCE	413.3	413.4	415.1	396.1
GERMANY	199.1	196.7	197.5	156.6
HONG KONG	1919.7	1909.1	1900.5	1812.7
FINLAND	117.3	117.3	117.0	108.1
ITALY	459.1	454.9	457.7	439.5
JAPAN	1362.5	1354.8	1352.1	1289.0
NETHERLANDS	254.0	253.3	254.3	260.1
NEW ZEAL	90.5	91.3	92.4	98.9
NORWAY	503.7	504.3	509.5	483.0
SPAIN	572.0	573.1	577.7	587.0
SWEDEN	249.8	250.4	252.6	209.5
SWITZ	992.7	991.0	991.8	960.4
U.K.	166.2	165.5	166.4	140.7
U.S.A.	555.4	555.2	550.1	515.7
WORLD	246.3	244.6	243.7	250.6
E.A.F.E.	481.6	479.3	478.6	446.2
	941.2	937.8	937.0	832.0

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCN CO	30.4	30.4
ATLANTIC R	77.2	77.2
AAR CORP	22.2	22.2
ABBOTT LAB	44.5	44.5
ACRE CLVD	7.5	7.5
ADV MICRO	7.5	7.5
AEROFEL LAB	5.5	5.5
AETNA LIFE	47.6	47.6
ARMANSON	16.6	16.6
AIR PR-CHM	38.6	38.6
ALASKA AIR	19.6	19.6
ALBERTSONS	33.7	33.7
ALBMA 8-16	0	0
ALCAN ALUM	30.2	30.2
ALCO STAND	23.7	23.7
AM CYANID	44.7	44.7
AM ELET PV	26.4	26.4
AM HON PRO	77.5	77.5
AM HON PRO	79.5	79.5
AM HON PRO	0	0
AM STORES	54.0	54.0
AM TEL-TEL	27.4	27.4
AMOCO CORP	69.4	69.4
AMCO INC	41.2	41.2
AMPCO PITT	0	0
AMR CORP	41.4	41.4
AMR GEN CO	37.0	37.0
AMERADA INC	27.5	27.5
ANTWERP ELE	0	0
APACHE CO	7.0	7.0
APPL 8-12	0	0
ARMSTRONG	32.6	32.6
ASHLUM OIL	32.6	32.6
ASIA PACIF	6.1	6.1
ATLS CORP	30.6	30.6
AVEARY INT	21.1	21.1
AVNET INC	19.6	19.6
AVON PRODS	19.2	19.2
BCE SOUTH	31.0	31.0
BELLSOUTH	39.2	39.2
BELO CP A	20.5	20.5
BETH STEEL	26.0	26.0
BEVERLY	4.6	4.6
BNK BOSTON	23.5	23.5
BNK BSH-A	0	0
BNK N-YORK	35.1	35.1
BANK AMER	36.6	36.6
BANKAMERICA	17.3	17.3
BANKW SPEC	6.6	6.6
BOEING CO	62.2	62.2
BOISE CASB	39.7	39.7
BORD IN	7.3	7.3
BORDEN	54.5	54.5
BOEYER	25.3	25.3
BR TELECOM	0	0
BRIGGS-SR	27.6	27.6
BRIST-INTER	42.2	42.2
BURNSWICK	18.2	18.2
BURNDY	17.6	17.6
C 3 INC	12.4	12.4
CABOT CORP	37.2	37.2
CAESARS W	24.3	24.3
CA FREIGHT	25.1	25.1
CAS NAT-GS	0	0
CAS-COOKS	25.7	25.7
CATERPI TR	62.2	62.2
CB I IND	16.5	16.5
CBS	43.7	43.7
CENTEL CP	30.5	30.5
CHAMP INTL	16.6	16.6
CHD SPA	12.5	12.5
CHAPTR CO	4.0	4.0
CHASE MAN	28.0	28.0
CHIEVED CP	30.2	30.2
CHERIC BNK	32.6	32.6
CHEVRON	43.6	43.6
CHRYSLER-A	24.7	24.7
CHUBB CORP	55.0	55.0
CHUR F CH	7.5	7.5
CIGNA CORP	46.7	46.7
CIN MILAC	20.6	20.6
CIR CITY ST	40.7	40.7
CIRCLE K	12.3	12.3
CITICORP	24.7	24.7
CLARK REGI	29.6	29.6
CLOROX INC	31.4	31.4
CNPBLL SP	12	12
CNPBLL SP	30.5	30.5
CND PACIFIC	16.6	16.6
COACHMEN	0	0
COASTAL	30.1	30.1
COOL-COLA	41.7	41.7
COLECO	1.2	1.2
COLESON	36.7	36.7
COL-G-PALUN	43.0	43.0
COLUMBUS-C	3	3
COLUMBUS-G	0	0
CON EDISON	31.6	31.6
CONAGRA	27.4	27.4
CON EDISON	44.6	44.6
CONTINENTAL	34.4	34.4
CONTL ILLN	40.5	40.5
CONTEL CP	37.2	37.2
CONTR DATA	17.3	17.3
COOPER T-R	21.0	21.0
COOPER CON	5.2	5.2
CORNING GL	66.0	66.0
CRANE	22.0	22.0
CRAY RES	4.7	4.7
CULT GEN	5.0	5.0
CUMMINS	8.0	8.0
DATA GEN	17.4	17.4
DATAPoint	4.1	4.1
DAYTON HJ	38.7	38.7
DEC	91.0	91.0
DEERE-CO	47.3	47.3
DELTA AIR	47.7	47.7
DIAMOND SH	14.6	14.6
DIEROLD	36.3	36.3
DISNEY W	62.1	62.1
DOW CORP	27.4	27.4
DOM CHENIC	82.7	82.7
DOM JONES	32.3	32.3
DRESSER INC	25.6	25.6
DUKES POWER	45.1	45.1
DURE BRAD	53.0	53.0
DUPONT	80.1	80.1
DUESERHE	17.0	17.0
DYNAMICS	22.6	22.6
E SYSTEMS	29.6	29.6
EAGLE PICH	13.5	13.5
EASTERN G	22.7	22.7
EMERSON EL	39.0	39.0
EMERSON RA	2.4	2.4
ETHYL CP	20.1	20.1
EXON	42.0	42.0
FAM DOL ST	13.2	13.2
FED MAT NO	46.0	46.0
FIELDCREST	22.4	22.4
FIN COR-AN	22.1	22.1
FLEETWOOD	32.4	32.4
FMC CORP	21.1	21.1
FORD MOTOR	49.5	49.5
FOSTER WHL	14.1	14.1
FRCHLD IND	14.1	14.1
FREE NC OG	4.1	4.1
FST BANK	20.3	20.3
FST BOSTON	50.1	50.1
FST CHICAGO	31.0	31.0
FST INTLCS	47.0	47.0
GAF CORP	47.6	47.6
GANNETT CO	32.5	32.5
GALVESTON	1.5	1.5
GATX CORP	51.3	51.3
GCA CP	0	0
GDC DATA	0	0

Gold prices slip

Bush deficit comments hit dollar

LONDON, Nov 21, (Reuters): President-elect George Bush sent the dollar sliding again today when he said there would be no change in his "no new taxes" policy for cutting America's budget deficit.

Bush's campaign pledge not to raise new taxes is the latest reason given by currency dealers for the way that confidence in the US economy and in the dollar has ebbed in recent days.

They say they can't see how else he can cut a budget deficit of around \$150 billion — and speculative selling of the dollar resumed today when he told reporters that, while cutting the deficit was a top priority, he would not change his view about how to do this.

Incentive
"This gave dealers an incentive to throw out the dollar," a European operator said.

The dollar slipped to close in London at 121.90 yen and 1.7265 West German marks, down from 122.65 and 1.7350 on Friday.

A sharp fall by the dollar last week brought leading central banks repeatedly into the open market to buy dollars and try to stabilise the exchange rate of the currency in which most of the world does business.

European currency dealers said the market was wary of selling too hard today in case the central banks came back in. The feeling in Frankfurt was that

West Germany's Bundesbank would move if the dollar slipped to 1.7250 marks.

The dollar is down by around two per cent since the Nov 8 US election and 10 per cent since the summer, although it is still above historic lows touched at the start of this year.

Currency trading today was thin ahead of a holiday in Japan on Wednesday and Thursday's US Thanksgiving Day.

In stock markets, Tokyo moved to a record close for the seventh straight session buoyed by the strong yen which seems certain to keep Japanese interest rates low. The Nikkei average made a 104-point gain to 29,284.

But Wall Street eased in this trading taking the Dow Jones Industrial Average down 17.42 to 2,044.99 by New York's midday.

Gold prices slipped to the lowest afternoon fix in London's bullion market for three weeks at \$415.95 an ounce, down almost \$4 from Friday.

Allure
One reason is that oil prices are weak, robbing gold of its allure as a hedge against inflation.

Typical North Sea crude continued to trade just below \$12 a barrel today, a dollar down from a week ago.

Petroleum traders are sceptical whether OPEC talks in progress in Vienna will resolve a

dispute between Iraq and Iran and strike a deal to curb output and ease the prevailing glut.

The spotlight, however, remained on the US economy and the impact that anxieties about it are having on the dollar.

US Senate minority leader Robert Dole today described the budget deficit as the greatest threat to the world economy.

"The single biggest threat to our economy and the world economy is the budget deficit," Dole, a Republican, said at a meeting with foreign businessmen in Jakarta, Indonesia.

"About 15 per cent of the budget is interest on the debt, and that's gone up from seven per cent 10 years ago," Dole said. "If we address the deficit it will send the right signal around to our economy and the world's."

Dealers
European dealers did not react much to news that Bush named

former deputy Treasury Secretary Richard Darman as director of the office of management and budget. Darman, 45, is a hardened veteran of top-level White House policy battles.

There had earlier been worries, though, that former Reagan adviser Martin Feldstein would get the job. Feldstein sent the dollar down last week when he said it needed to drop by 20 per cent in the next three years to correct the US trade gap.

In London, share prices

steadied near the day's lows in late trading, having eased in response to a lower trend on Wall Street. But selling interest was minimal against a background of modest overall turnover.

At 1619 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was six points off at 1,817.4 on turnover of 303.3 million shares.

Dealers said nervousness over Wall Street's near term path and hesitancy ahead of UK October balance of payments figures due on Friday were keeping investors on the sidelines.

Attention
The UK equity market's attention

in the short-term will be fixed on Wall Street's path with news expected on Tuesday on US October consumer prices and earnings as well as a statement on the federal budget.

Traders will be watching out for fresh sharp dollar declines if either set of information unsettles the US currency.

One dealer said: "The next resistance point on the FTSE index looks to be 1,800 and after that 1,780. If it goes through 1,780 there could be a bloodbath."

Lonrho stood out with a 19p fall to 393 reflecting an unwinding of positions opened by speculators after rumours of stake building or a bid for the company failed to materialise.

Traders said today's decline reflected misgivings about Australian Bond Corp's ability to

mount an offer for Lonrho after weekend press reports suggested Bond's current borrowings would prohibit such a move. Bond Corp presently holds a 20.6 per cent stake in Lonrho.

Grand Metropolitan closed 5p down at 452. The drinks to hotels group today said it had raised its stake in bid target Irish Distillers to 29.95 per cent from 27.8 per cent.

Grand Met today was refused leave to appeal by the takeover panel against its ruling that IDG shareholders do not have to relinquish their acceptances of French drinks group Pernod Ricard's agreed 450 Irish pence per share offer for IDG. IDG rejected Grand Met's hostile 325 Irish pence per share bid.

Plessey, which last week rejected a hostile £1.7 billion joint bid from GEC and Siemens, was 2p down at 223 as the market awaited defence moves from the company.

Ranks Hovis McDougall ended 4p firmer at 366 ahead of full year figures expected tomorrow. RHM said in August its annual pre-tax profit would rise 34 per cent to not less than £156 million.

RHM made its August profits forecast as part of its defence against a hostile bid from Goodman Fielder Wattie. Goodman's bid failed, leaving the company with a near 30 per cent stake in RHM.



Traders flash finger signs at the Tokyo Stock Exchange yesterday as the main market index soared to a record high just before the midday close. Stocks surged 176.99 points to end trading at 29,357.19, the seventh straight record close. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iraq, Iran still at loggerheads

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Vienna headquarters for another formal session.

"If by tomorrow OPEC ministers do not reach a solution, it will be time to pack their bags and go home," said Naumaj Barakat, analyst at New York-based Prudential-Bache Securities.

"At the moment we are still at square one, but nobody has the courage to say it."

The main progress appears to have been keeping Iran and Iraq at the bargaining table, only the second time the two ministers have held talks together since August's Gulf war ceasefire.

"We're still talking about how to find a way out," Chalabi told reporters. "I hope there will be a solution."

But he signalled no softening of his stance. "Our position is very clear," he said.

Aghazadeh, seen as one of Tehran's hardliners, was also adamant he would not climb down and insisted that Iran, historically a bigger producer, should keep a higher quota.

The tone of the meeting was, however, conciliatory, with Saudi Arabian Minister Hisham Nazer playing down fears of deadlock. "We have made lots of progress," he said.

"In all honesty, we are working very, very hard. Each one of us does not like the current situation," he said.

But without a solution to the Iran-Iraq quota dispute, OPEC can hardly begin to tackle a host of other problems.

Oil markets continued to slide today as it became clear the former Gulf war belligerents were



Aghazadeh (left), Dr Ramzi Salam Abdul Hussain of Iraq and Al Chalabi (right) at the OPEC meeting in Vienna. (Reuters wirephoto)

still at loggerheads.

OPEC's key Middle East crude, Dubai, shed 10 cents to \$9.75 which is about eight dollars below the now largely academic reference price set two years ago.

Lukman said in his opening remarks: "The spectre of the 1986 oil crisis looms large over not only oil producers but also ... consuming countries."

Oil prices slumped in 1986 during an earlier spate of OPEC overproduction. Dubai crude went as low as \$6.75 then before an unlikely alliance of Saudi Arabia and Iran helped the group to forge a new output pact.

The scene is now set for two more days of hard bargaining, but signs were emerging today

increasingly reluctant to talk to OPEC mediators.

Since Thursday last week ministers from Algeria, Indonesia,

Nigeria, Venezuela and Libya have each tried to persuade Aghazadeh to agree to quota parity, but without success.

Delegation sources said Aghazadeh made it clear to Libyan Minister Fawzi Shakhshouki before today's formal OPEC session that he now wanted to sit down with the key players in person — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and perhaps also Iraq.

Given the apparently inflexible stance of Iraq, the thrust of OPEC's efforts has been to find a formula that Iran's delegation can "sell" at home in Tehran.

The most widely discussed package requires Aghazadeh to accept quota parity with Iraq but for the whole group. That would be likely to drive up prices which would please Iran, traditionally a pricing "hawk."

Turkey plans to merge four state-run banks

ANKARA, Nov 21, (Reuters): Turkey plans to merge four state-run banks in an effort to increase profitability, a top government official said today.

The banks are Denizcilik Bankasi, Turizm Bankasi, Eitbank, and Sumerbank.

"We will merge these four banks so they will start to be much more profitable," the official said. "State-run banks have been under political pressure for the past 20 years."

"This is a major part of a structural change launched when the government came to office (in 1983)," the official, who declined to be named, told Reuters. He did not give a time-scale for the merger.

He said state-run banks were not operating profitably because of bad loans caused by political pressures.

"These banks should be kept free from political influence. They have to function according to principles of banking," conservative Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said in an interview with the Turkish Daily News published today.

"A majority of state banks affiliated with ministries are more susceptible to political influences when they are not linked directly to the Prime Ministry," he was quoted as saying.

In a move leading to the merger, Denizcilik Bankasi, linked to the Transport Ministry, and Turizm Bankasi, were placed under Prime Ministry control on Wednesday.

Denizcilik, Eitbank and Sumerbank are among eight state-run commercial banks operating in Turkey. Turizm Bankasi is one of four investment banks with public capital.

KD10 million bond issue

KUWAIT, Nov 21, (KUNA): The National Bank of Kuwait will soon lead manage KD10 million (\$36 million) bond issue on behalf of Kuwait Real Estate Bank, NBK chairman Mohammed Abdulmohsen Al Khorafi said yesterday.

The dinar-denominated bonds, carrying an annual yield of 6.75 per cent of insurance value, will mature on Nov 30, 1991. Khorafi said the new issue is the debut in the local KD bond market in 1988, and the third NBK-managed bond issue on behalf of the Real Estate Bank.

He said that the issue has been fully underwritten by NBK as lead manager and other Kuwaiti banks and financial institutions. The issue has been offered for public subscription on Sunday until Tuesday's deadline. The bonds will be listed on the Kuwaiti securities market.

Vacant position

For supermarket male or female

1. Cashier
2. Meat/cheese specialist
3. Stock boy

Call: 5716042 after 5 pm.

India's export trend encouraging, says Dinesh Singh

Rajiv hints at economic liberalisation

NEW DELHI, Nov 21: Indian Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, last week hinted at the possibility of opening up the economy to competition and liberalise the system further. Inaugurating last week the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 1988 at Pragati Maidan here, Rajiv said we have done this to a great degree but "much more needs to be done," according to Economic Times.

"We will have to do it in a phased manner so that our industry and the workers can develop their strength," he said.

Rajiv said time was of essence because "if we don't do it fast enough, the efficiency of our processes and our systems will not improve fast enough for us to cope with the changes taking place worldwide."

Compete
Rajiv pointed out that industries in India have responded well. He called upon the industry to go out and compete in the open world.

He said that it needed to be remembered that when a shift takes place from a protected

environment to a less protected environment and perhaps later to a completely unprotected environment, it will have to be done in a phased manner.

Among those present on the occasion included Commerce Minister, Dinesh Singh, Minister of State for Commerce, Priya Ranjan Dasgupta, Trade Fair Authority of India chairman, Mohammed Yunus, diplomats, captains of industry and participants.

Event

Referring to the trade fair Rajiv said it had grown from a very small institution and has become a major event in our trade and commercial relations. It was, therefore, important that such commercial relations increased as it was only with the cross fertilisation of ideas, with interaction with others that innovation and development can take place.

Referring to the vast changes in the industrial and economic scenario of the country since independence, Rajiv said that self-reliance would among other things, help check smuggling.

He said the themes selected for this year's fair reflected the "vision" of Pandit Nehru whose centenary celebrations are being held in the country. The themes, self-reliance, shelter for the poor, communications for the poor and toys for children were dear to Pandit Nehru.

The prime minister pointed out that the fair had a massive display of top class and popularly priced watches and clocks "which have been one of our major achievements during these years." He released a white pigeon to mark the inauguration of the 16-day fair.

The Commerce Minister, Dinesh Singh, said that the fair was a tribute to Pandit Nehru's vision of a self-reliant and prosperous India in harmony with the world. He said in this fair about 177 Indian and around 500 foreign exhibitors were participating.

Growth

Referring to higher growth rate achieved in industrial sector, he said, India's export trend was encouraging. The rapid increase in our exports was essential to the liberalised industrial policy.

Several institutional, infrastructural and fiscal measures had been identified to promote exports. The approach had been to identify such sectors and industries which have sizable export potential and back them up with policy framework to enable them to make maximum contribution to the export effort.

Thus, 14 thrust sectors had been identified in accordance with these parameters and measures initiated for their development. Some of the results of these endeavours would be visible in the fair, he said.

Underlining the importance of the trade fair in the country's trade, the minister said, it served as a springboard for projecting our achievements and capabilities. "It helps us imbibe new ideas and identify fresh areas which show potential."

He added that the theme of the fair reflect Nehru's concern that the common man be provided with a home and modest means of transport. Besides, these sectors present possibilities for technology upgradation, mass production and export.

Tanzania hikes fuel prices

DAR ES SALAAM, Nov 21, (Reuters): Tanzania raised the price of all petroleum fuels by slightly over 50 per cent today and abolished petrol rationing.

The Ministry of Minerals and Energy said in a statement that the price hikes had been made necessary by increased import, refining and distribution costs.

Tanzania imports all its oil and an increase had been widely expected following a 22 per cent devaluation two weeks ago.

A litre of super grade petrol now costs 67 shillings (\$5 US cents) up from 43.95 (36 cents) previously.

The energy ministry statement said the government had also decided to cancel petrol rationing, which was imposed several years ago to hold down consumption.

"Rationing cards will no longer be used for the purchase of petrol in Dar Es Salaam and petrol may be sold by retailers without special permits during normal retailing hours," it said.

Tender No. M/1988/47

Tender's internal No. 296/88

Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company

Requirements: Removal of sand drifts services in Western area — Kuwait

Relevant fee: KD 40/-

Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 25.12.88

N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be at Alhadi Union Centre on 3.12.88 to visit the site and discuss the tenders conditions.

This tender is open for competent contractors only.

Tender No. M/1988/55

Tender's internal No. 294/88

Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company

Requirements: Removal of sand drifts services in Northern area — Kuwait

Relevant fee: KD 40/-

Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 3.1.89

N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be at Alhadi Community Centre on 7.12.88 to visit the site and discuss the tenders conditions.

Al Taher the lucky caller, says NBK



COL. ABDUL RAHEEM AL TAHER was calling a familiar number on that Tuesday morning to enquire about the balance in one of the accounts he has had with the National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) for the past 15 years.

The Watani Super Service staff was waiting for this specific call. Actually, they were waiting for the 100,000th call of the year and Al Taher was the lucky caller.

Al Taher was later invited to the NBK head office (above) where he was received by Yacoub Al Fulajji, NBK general manager, who presented Al Taher with a gift.

Watani's Super Service was launched back in February 1985 and offers unparalleled features, Al Fulajji said.

Service
The service offers a direct line enquiry service, where customers can make a full range of enquiries, including enquiries about balances in their accounts. They can also request any information about NBK, its products and its services, in Kuwait and abroad.

Its human response feature, a

characteristic that NBK views as critical, allows direct to the person through the telephone.

Computerised pre-recorded reports including daily exchange rates, interest rates, financial reports and salary payment details, accessible by a straightforward telephone dialling without any coding requirement.

Al Fulajji also pointed out that results are the best proof of success and popularity.

More than 900,000 calls have so far been counted in 1988 for the computerised pre-recorded reports, he said.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

HONG KONG: Stocks were little changed after a day of dull and directionless trading. The Hang Seng index edged up 0.71 to 2,581.87.

BOMBAY: Shares closed mixed after the market opened subdued. Brokers said higher margins on the sale and purchase of 32 leading shares affected sentiment and this led to profit-taking in lacklustre trading. Tata Steel fell 16.25 rupees to

1,076.25. Associated Cement rose 2.5 to 391.

FRANKFURT: Shares closed firmer on livelier turnover, profiting from the steadier dollar and a new record close in Tokyo. The Dax index rose 6.61 to 1,284.16.

PARIS: Prices extending losses at the end of the continuous session as Wall Street opened easier but trading was exceptionally thin.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Tender No. MEW/22/47/88/88

Tender's internal No. 303/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Cleaning works of (147) main stations in southern area

Relevant fee: KD 20/-

Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 18.12.88

Qualified tenders:

1. Al Ahlia Cleaning Circle Co.

2. Tanzifco Est.

3. National Cleaning Co.

4. Abdul Hameed Salem Trdg. Est.

5. Ibrahim Samahan Trdg. & Cleaning Contg. Est.

6. Dana & Berekely Cleaning Works Co.

7. Al Abraq Trdg. Co.

8. Al Soula Trdg. & Contg. Co.

9. Kuwait National Real Estate Management Co.

10. Abdi Trdg. & Contg. Est.

11. Wael & Nusi Partners Trdg. Co.

12. Blue Sea Trdg. Co.

13. Kuwait & Gulf Link Transport Co.

14. Abdul Aziz Abdulla Al Arafa

Gen. Trdg. Est.

15. Towers Cleaning Est.

16. Gulf Sahar Gen. Trdg. & Contg. Co.

17. Sultan Assad Mohd Gen. Trdg. & Contg. Est.

18. Al Soor Cleaning Works Contg. & Maint. Co.

19. Al Qima Cleaning Est.

20. Abbas Munawer Gen. Trdg. & Contg. Co.

21. Kuwait Swedish Cleaning Services Co.

Tender No. MEW/22/47/88/88

Tender's internal No. 304/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Cleaning works of 139 stations in Northern area

Relevant fee: KD 20/-

Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 20.12.88

Qualified tenders:

1. Al Ahlia Cleaning Circle Co.

2. Tanzifco Est.

3. National Cleaning Co.

4. Abdul Hameed Salem Trdg. Est.

5. Ibrahim Samahan Trdg. & Clean-

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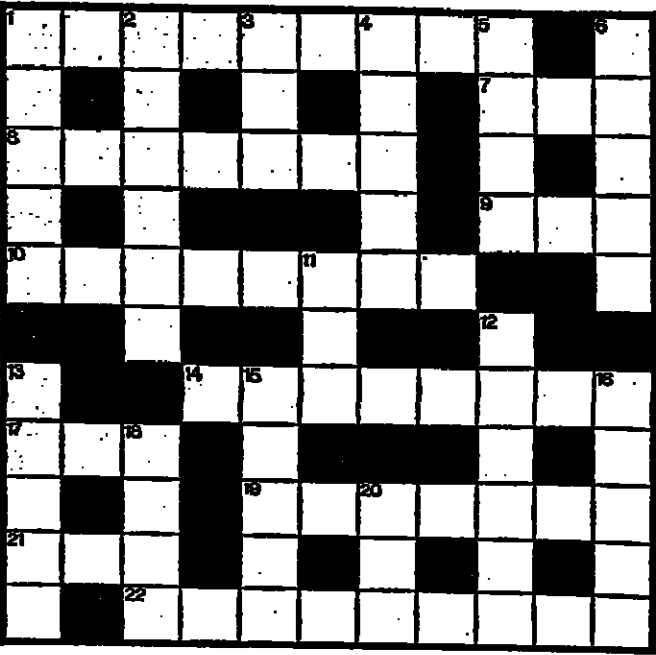
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CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Speech of some length (9)
- 7 It's used for road repairs (3)
- 8 Chosen by vote (7)
- 9 A carrier for bricks (3)
- 10 Laid particular emphasis (8)
- 14 Daughter of a king (8)
- 17 Product of fire (3)
- 19 Pleasing to the ear (7)
- 21 Backwards in time (3)
- 22 Soldiers who abandon their posts (9)

Down

- 1 To put on clothing (5)
- 2 Spanish wine (6)
- 3 To make a choice (3)
- 4 A line of hills (5)
- 5 Make a design with acid (4)
- 6 A wife on her wedding-day (5)
- 11 A long, narrow snow-shoe (3)
- 12 To save from disaster (8)
- 13 Dish consisting of cold vegetables (5)
- 15 Shows playfulness (5)
- 16 Under-parts of the feet (5)
- 18 Covering for the head (4)
- 20 Respectful way of addressing a man (3)

Solution on Thursday

Continued from Thursday

It had brass knobs at the top and brass knobs at the bottom; the old woman had never seen a bed like that before. And when she got up and looked out of the window, it was a big house, and it was in the middle of the town, and there were white steps up to the door and men and maids to wait on her, and a carriage and pair to go driving in.

Well, the old woman was pleased. But she never thought to say "Thank you" to the fairy.

Well, the fairy she went east and she went west, and she went north and she went south, and one day she came back to the town where the old woman was living in the big house, in the middle of the town, with white steps up to the door and men and maids to wait on her, and a carriage and pair to go driving in. And the fairy said to herself, "I'll just go and take a look at her. She will be pleased."

The old woman who lived in a vinegar bottle

But do you know, as soon as the fairy stood inside the old woman's door, she could hear the old woman talking to herself, and what do you think she was saying? "Oh! 'tis a shame." Look at the queen," said the old woman, "sitting on a gold throne, and living in a palace, with a gold crown on her head, and a red velvet carpet to walk on. Why shouldn't I be a queen and sit on a gold throne and live in a palace, with a gold crown on my head and a red velvet carpet to walk on? 'Tis a shame, 'tis a shame; so it is, 'tis a shame."

Well, the fairy was disappointed because she did think she would have been pleased. But she said, "Well-I-I-I, never you mind. When you go to bed

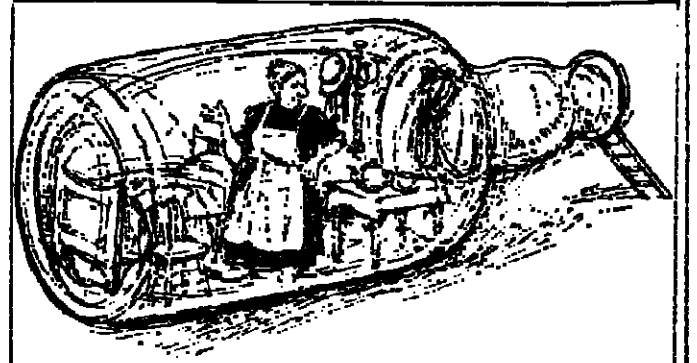
tonight, just you turn round three times, and when you wake up in the morning you'll see what you'll see."

So the old woman went to sleep in the grand bed with the brass knobs at the top and the brass knobs at the bottom, in the big house, in the middle of the town, with white steps up to the door, and men and maids to wait on her, and a carriage and pair to go driving in. And she turned round three times, and when she woke up in the morning — she was in the grandest bed that ever was seen, with a red satin coverlet, and there was a red velvet carpet by the side of the bed, and a gold crown on a table all ready to put on when she dressed. So the old woman got up and dressed and put on the

gold crown, and walked on the red velvet carpet, and there was a gold throne to sit on. And the old woman was pleased. But she never thought to say "Thank you" to the fairy.

Well, the fairy she went east and she went west, and she went north and she went south, and one day she came back to the town where the old woman was living in the palace, with a gold crown on her head and a gold throne to sit on and a red velvet carpet to walk on. And the fairy said to herself, "I'll go and take a look at her. She will be pleased."

So she walked right in at the palace door, and up the red velvet stairs till she came to where the old woman was sitting on a gold throne with a gold crown on her head. And as



soon as the old woman saw the fairy she opened her mouth and what do you think she said? "Oh! 'tis a shame," said the old woman, "'tis a shame, so it is, 'tis a shame. This throne is most uncomfortable, the crown is too heavy for my head and there's draught down the back of my neck. This is a most inconvenient house. Why can't I get a home to suit me? 'Tis a shame, 'tis a shame, so it is, 'tis a shame."

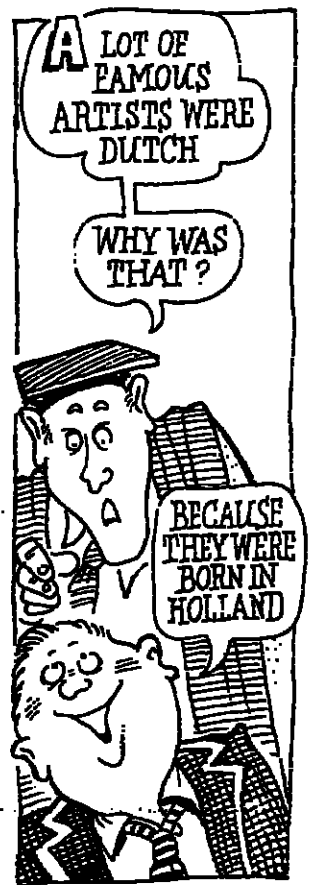
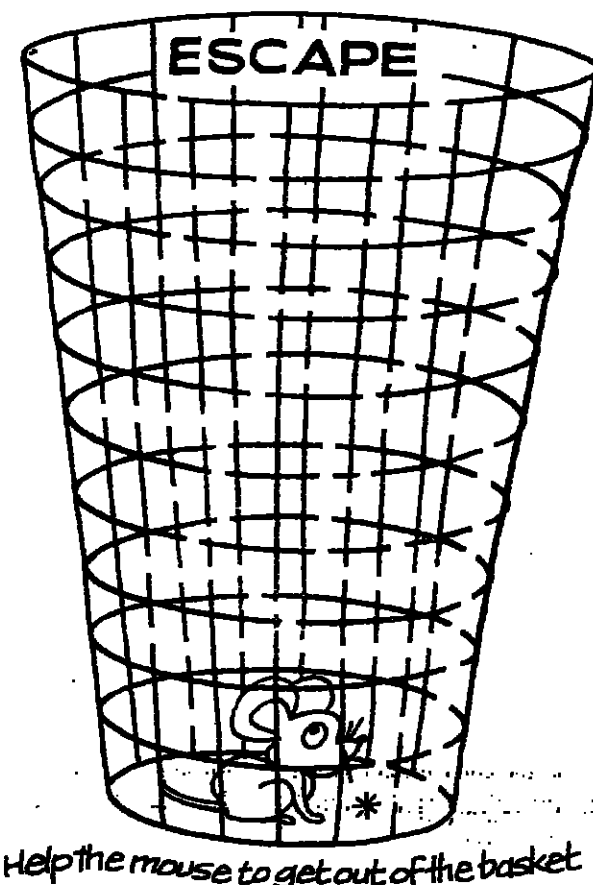
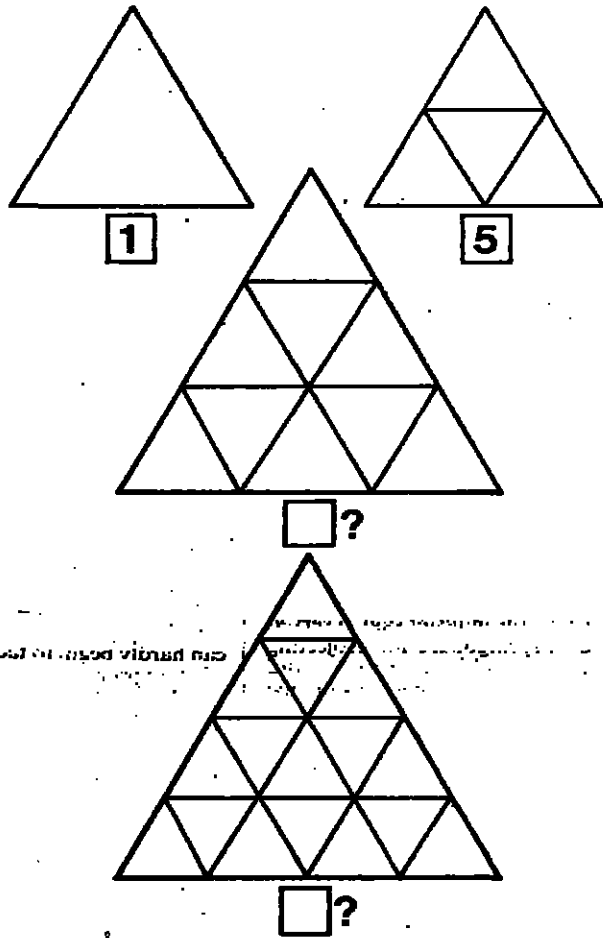
"Oh, very well," said the fairy. "If all you want is just a house to suit you, when you go to bed tonight, just you turn round three times, and when you

wake up in the morning you'll see what you'll see," said the fairy.

So the old woman went to bed that night in the palace, in the big bed with the red satin coverlet and the red velvet carpet by the side of the bed, and the gold crown on a table all ready to put on in the morning. And she turned round three times (there was plenty of room to do it).

And when she woke up in the morning — she was BACK IN THE VINEGAR BOTTLE. And she stayed there the rest of her life!

How many triangles are there in all — counting big and small ones? We've done the first two, to show you. Can you do the next two?



Carol: Would you punish a pupil for something she hadn't done?
Teacher: Certainly not.
Carol: Good — I haven't done my homework.

"Waiter, there's a fly in my ice cream."
"Serves him right, let him freeze."

How can you tell an elephant from a monster?
A monster never remembers.

What is the difference between a cold and a bus driver?
One knows the stops, the other stops the nose.

What do you say when you bump into a dolphin?
Tell him you didn't do it on porpoise.

What kind of fish performs operations?
A surgeon.

What makes you think the surgeon doesn't like people?
He kept sticking the knife in them.

Why did Mickey Mouse go into space?
He wanted to find Pluto.

How does an intruder get into the house?
Intruder window.

What do you get if an axe chops you on the head?
A splitting headache.

OUT OF ORDER

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Clue: In disarray (4,4 letters)

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE MOST POWERFUL US ROCKET YET LAUNCHED INTO SPACE WAS THE SATURN V, USED FOR THE US PROXY APOLLO AND SOVIET PROX ROSSAMER. THE ROCKET WAS 323.14 M (1060 FT) TALL, WITH A PAYLOAD OF 30.5 TONS IN THE CASE OF SKOLAB 1, AND GULPED 15.4 TONS OF PROPELLANT PER SEC FOR 26 HOURS, GENERATING 15,000,000 N. IT WAS FIRST LAUNCHED FROM KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA ON 16 NOV 1967.

THE FIRST GRAND-FATHER TO GO INTO SPACE WAS FORTY-SEVEN YEAR-OLD LEV DEMIN, RUSSIAN ENGINEER ABORD SOYUZ 9, LAUNCHED ON 26 AUGUST 1978.

THE FIRST ASTRONAUT TO BE LAUNCHED ON HIS BIRTHDAY WAS BRITISH PILOT RICHARD TRACY, ON 12 NOV 1981.

THE FIRST TRUE FREE FLIGHT BY A MAN-CARRYING HELICOPTER WAS PERFORMED BY FRENCHMAN PAUL CORNU IN HIS 24 HP ANTOINETTE-POWERED TWIN-ROTOR AIRCRAFT NEAR LISIEUX, FRANCE, ON 15 NOV 1907. THE FLIGHT ONLY LASTED 20 SECONDS, ATTAINING A HEIGHT OF 1.6 (5.3) M.

THE FIRST PERSON TO USE THE NAME 'HELICOPTER' WAS ITALIAN ARTIST, PHILOSOPHER AND INVENTOR LEONARDO DA VINCI (1452-1519) WHOSE KNOWLEDGE OF GREEK TRANS- LATED 'SPIRAL WING' INTO HELIX AND PYRON. HE DESIGNED A HELICOPTER USING A FORM OF CORIC SCREW ROTOR, BUILT FROM STARCHED FLAXEN LINEN.

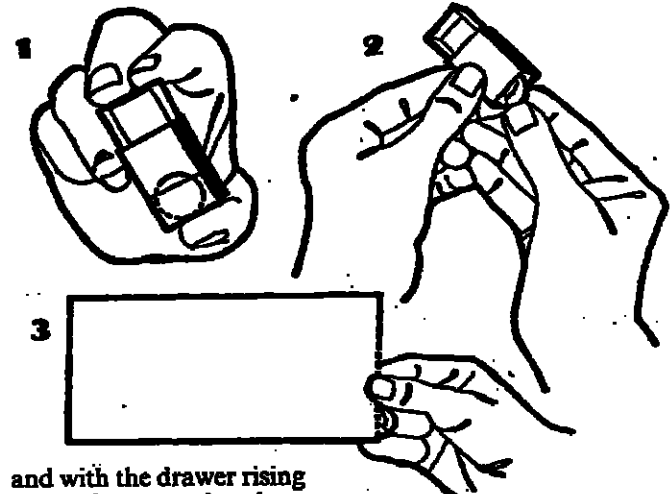
THE CURRENT WORLD SPEED RECORD FOR A HELICOPTER IS HELD BY 53 YEAR OLD TREVOR EGGINGTON (GB) WHO AVERAGED 249.10 MPH (400.87 km/h) OVER SOMERSET ON 11 AUG 1986 PILOTING A BRITISH WESTLAND LYNX COMPANY DEMONSTRATOR.

Jumping coin

The illusion:
An empty matchbox is placed on top of someone's head and is balanced there as a coin is sealed inside an envelope. The envelope is placed on a second person's head who stands at least three feet away. A clap of the hands and the magic is done. The envelope is torn open and shown to be empty, and the missing coin is found inside the closed matchbox.

The preparation:
Push the drawer of a matchbox about two-thirds of the way out of its cover. Slide a penny into the opposite end of the cover and wedge it between the inner end of the drawer and the top of the cover. (1) Prepare the envelope by slitting almost the entire length of one end with a sharp razor blade. (2) Have a duplicate coin in your pocket and you're ready to do the trick.

The trick:
Show the inside of the empty matchbox by holding it toward the audience



and with the drawer rising above the cover, thumb on the bottom, fingers on the top. Close the box by gently sliding the drawer down into the cover (3). Ask someone to imitate a magician's table and as you place the box on top of his or her head, squeeze the sides of the box to free the coin. Remove the penny from your pocket, show it, and drop it into the envelope, making sure the slit end is held slightly higher than the other. Now as you seal the envelope tilt it in the other direction so that the penny secretly slides into your



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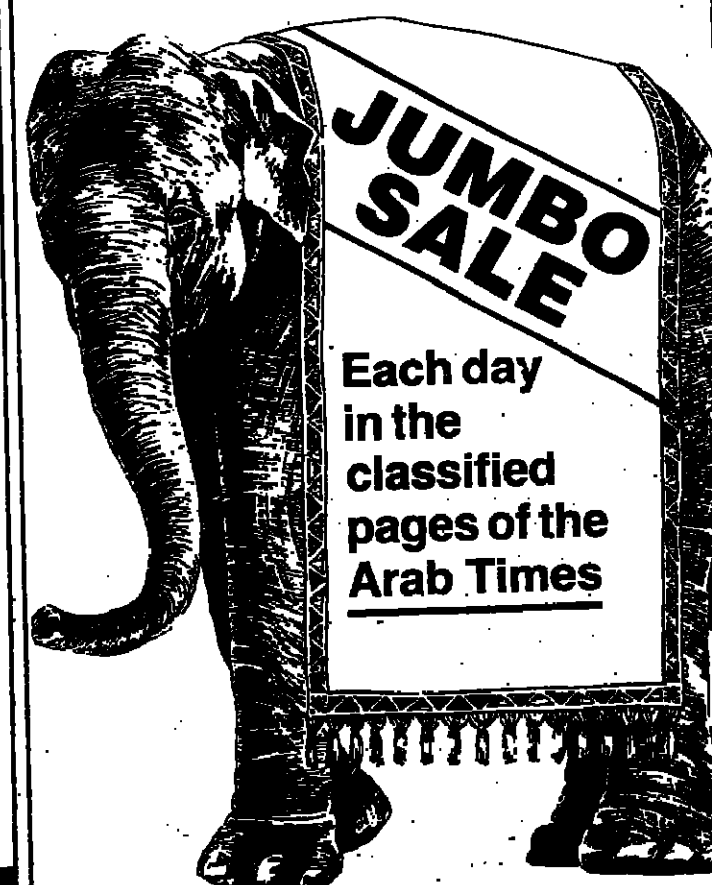
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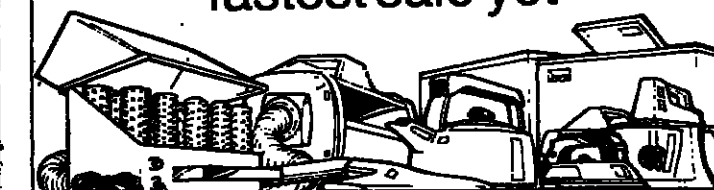
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Choi wins Toyota golf trophy

S.W. CHOI, of South Korea, surprised the large number of competitors who played for the Toyota Trophy at the Hunting & Equestrian Club on Friday by winning this stableford event with a score of 40 points.

Choi, who coaches Kuwait's national volleyball team and started golf only two months ago, tied S.S. Meng (12) at 40 points. He was declared the winner on the basis of a countback—his 22 points on the back 9 were one better than Meng's 21.

The Toyota Trophy was introduced for the first time this year by Toyota's Kuwait agent Mohammed Naser Al Sayer & Sons Establishment. The competition attracted one of the largest entries ever at an event at the H&E Club.

66 golfers, including ladies, took off to a shot-gun start and soon found themselves having to cope with a strong wind which lasted throughout most of the afternoon.

The leading scores, particularly Adnan Assaf's are testimony to the leaders' ability to play the wind.

Included
Assaf, potentially the best player in the H&E stable, who currently plays off 7, produced a creditable 74 which included an out-of-bounds on the 18th hole, for his 39 stableford points and the 3rd position. One point behind at 38 was B.G. Kim who was followed by D. Greg, H. Rolf and J.H. Kim, all at 37.

Although Assaf's errant drive on the 18th cost him the title, he was easy winner of the nearest-to-the-pin prize, on the 2nd, being almost the only player to make the brown in one in the strong wind. His drive on the 14th, however, was not long enough to bag him the prize for the long drive as well. The much improved and hard working Suhail Gidwani, who has been knocking on the doors of glory for sometime now, hit a massive 320 yards (only 30 yards short of the 14th brown), out driving Adnan by 10 yards and, in the process, joined the big boys.

Among the ladies, Valentina Henderstrom, who has made the long drive her personal monopoly, established her versatility by winning the nearest-to-the-pin on the 13th. D. Bero won the prize for the longest drive, comfortably out distancing Sigrid Swaroes on the 11th.

M. Mathews, general manager of Mohammed Naser Al Sayer & Sons Establishment, presented the prizes.

Drug test

WEST BERLIN, Nov 21, (Reuters): An Italian three-day event rider tested positive for drugs in the Seoul Olympics but the tests were not carried out correctly, the general secretary of the International Equestrian Federation (FIE) said yesterday.

Fritz Widmer of Switzerland told reporters at the West Berlin horse show that the first analysis of the probe showed positive.

But now mistakes had shown up in the testing process so that it was doubtful if the rider would be punished, he added.

Australian boxer

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov 21, (AP): Promoter Bill Mordey today unveiled plans that could take Australian boxer Jeff Fenech to a fourth world title and a million dollar meeting with Barry McGuigan.

ARGENTINE STAR SCORES BIGGEST CAREER WIN

Sabatini tames Shriver for title



Sabatini with her trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEW YORK, Nov 21, (Reuters): Gabriela Sabatini won the biggest title of her career by beating Pam Shriver 7-5 6-2 6-2 yesterday in the final of the million-dollar women's tennis championships that signal the end of the 1988 tour.

The normally reserved Sabatini often punched the air with a clenched fist after stroking a winner and shouted encouragement to herself throughout the two-hour 20-minute match.

The fourth-seeded Sabatini, who entered the match with a 3-5 record against Shriver, called it her biggest win ever.

Snapped
"It was the best week I ever had in my life," said the fourth-seeded Argentine, who won \$125,000. "I have to say that today is the best tennis I ever played."

Sabatini's straight-set triumph snapped an impressive upset streak by Shriver. The fifth-seeded American ended the 46-match win streak of world number one Steffi Graf in the

semifinals after beating third seed Chris Evert in the quarter-finals.

In the hard-fought opening set, Sabatini and Shriver exchanged service breaks in the third and fourth games, and Sabatini broke again for a 4-3 lead on a Shriver double-fault.

Shriver saved a set point in the 10th game when she stabbed a forehand volley into the open court and finally broke Sabatini on her fifth break point. But Shriver appeared drained, dropping her serve in the 11th game and letting Sabatini take the net twice in the 12th game to win the set.

Shriver struggled with her serve, her biggest weapon, for the rest of the match. She double-faulted on break point in the first game of the second set and was broken in three of four service games in the second set.

Sabatini kept the momentum by breaking first in the third set for a 2-1 lead when Shriver hit a volley wide. Shriver saved a break point in the fifth game to pull to 2-3 but Sabatini swept the

last three games for the match.

Shriver said she had problems with Sabatini's topspin groundstrokes throughout the match.

"When you don't see heavy topspin that much, it takes a little bit of getting used to. I have to be able to handle the spin more on my volleys," Shriver said. "She was also hitting them incredibly well today."

Shriver said the 11th game of the first set was critical.

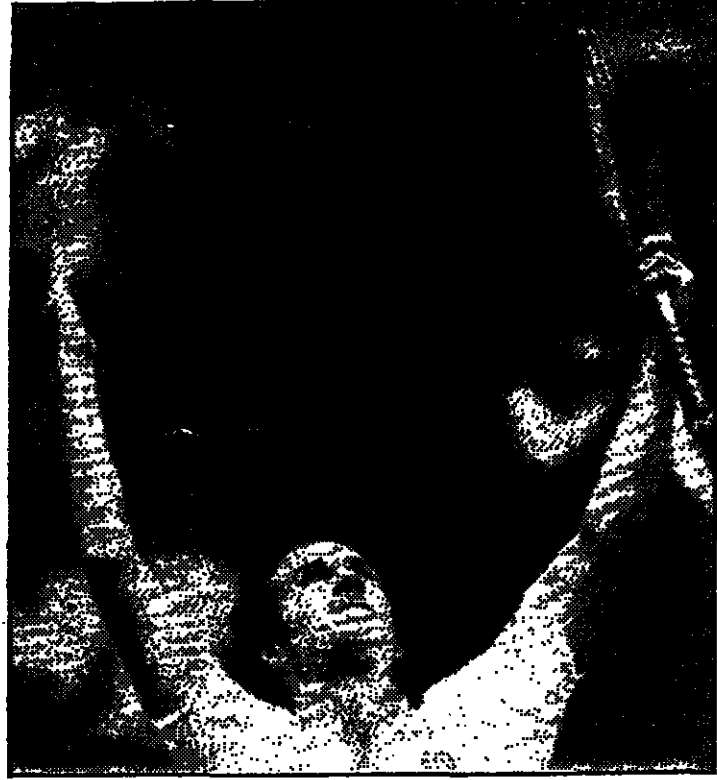
"The biggest game of the match was after I broke her for 5-5. I had to hold serve in the next game," she said.

Schedule

Hervictory in the only best-of-five women's final on the schedule took the 18-year-old Sabatini over the million-dollar mark in winnings for 1988.

"The best thing is to end the year with a big victory like this. That's going to make me more eager to practice for next year," said Sabatini, whose best previous major tournament showing was as runner-up to Graf at this year's US Open.

McEnroe sails past Krickstein for crown



McEnroe reacts after winning a point. (Reuters wirephoto)

DETROIT, Nov 21, (Reuters): John McEnroe beat Aaron Krickstein to win the World Championship Tennis (WCT) tournament yesterday but stood by his decision not to compete next week in Brussels in hopes of qualifying for the Masters championship.

"It's tempting," said McEnroe after defeating Krickstein 7-5 6-2 for the \$59,500 winner's prize. "I know I could get a wild card entry and I feel I can win."

"But mentally I'm starting to get tired and I don't want to run the risk of injury by playing for three or four more weeks."

The victory gave McEnroe his 72nd career title but only his second Grand Prix championship this year.

"I want to evaluate this year and make a game plan for next year. That's something I'm not very good at, but I'd rather devote some time to practice and get ready for the Australian Open in January," he said.

McEnroe, who lost only one set during the week, broke Krickstein's service six times and was never really in trouble.

"It's very satisfying," said McEnroe of the victory. "There's no better feeling than

winning a tournament no matter where it is. It inspires you and hopefully makes you want to work a little harder."

The Masters, which begin on November 28 at Madison Square Garden, culminates the Grand Prix season. Only the top eight players in the point standings make the field.

Mats Wilander, Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg, Andre Agassi and Ivan Lendl have clinched spots. Jimmy Connors (2,668 points) and Tim Mayotte (2,653) look pretty solid for the sixth and seventh spots.

McEnroe earned 400 points yesterday, giving him 2,173. He would have had to win in Brussels, worth 475 points, to have a slim chance at making the Masters.

Frenchman Henri Leconte (2,438) Swiss Jakob Hlasek, who won yesterday's South African final (2,315), and Krickstein (2,315) are in the case for a berth in the elite tournament.

Leconte and Hlasek will compete in the Itaparica tournament in Brazil this week.

"Anything can happen," said Krickstein.

Mathai and Joseph reach 2nd round

C. MATHAI and Reji Joseph moved into the second round of the Kuwait Open Badminton tournament but not before they were given a fright by Ifikhar and Kafil at the Hubara courts on Sunday evening.

Mathai and Joseph, the third seeds in the men's doubles, won the match 15-9 12-15 15-11. But the game had seemed to be out of their hands when they were losing 2-11 in the third set.

After losing the first set and taking the second, Ifikhar and Kafil seemed set to beat their opponents when they led by nine points in the third set but lost their grip after Mathai and Joseph started fighting for every point.

Mathai and Joseph took all the points from 2-11 onwards to surprise not only their opponents and spectators, but also themselves.

In another exciting game, T.C. George moved into the third round of the men's singles event. After losing the first set 17-18, George easily beat P.K. Sathesh 15-8 15-2 in the next two. He will now meet T.S. Murugavel who thrashed C.I. Mathew 15-1 15-6.

Top seed and favourite to clinch the singles title, Faiz Mohyuddin made short work of his second round opponent to

reach the third round. Faiz defeated J.S. Anand 15-3 15-2. In the other men's singles matches, V.C. Kochkrishnan overcame K.S. Jose 12-15 15-3 15-7; Bijoy Joseph defeated M. Al Zeer 15-8 15-0; George Tharian got over a walkover against A.M. Ghazi; Johnson Varghese outclassed Habib Hassan 15-9 15-8; M.K. Thomas got a walkover against S. Sequeira; Reji Joseph outplayed Mansour Abdulla 15-5 15-2; George Joseph blasted M. Das 15-5 15-8; Chandu Mathai overran Mohan Uchariya 15-11 15-5; Wilson Soares conceded the game to R.D. Silva after losing the first set 15-3; S. Varghese beat Thamy Varghese 15-10 15-3; M.G. Chacko routed Siva Kumar 15-1 15-6 and P. Cherian beat Louis Gonsalves 15-4 15-4.

In the other men's doubles matches M.M. Joshi and J.S. Anand thrashed K.S. Jose and J. Varghese 15-7 15-5; R. Dickson and J. Taylor overcame M. Abdulla and M.G. Chacko 11-15 17-16 15-8; J. Kurian and Sunil Kumar outplayed P.K. Sathesh and C.I. Mathew 15-4 15-4; M. Uchariya and Habib Hassan beat A. Abraham and M.I. Iqbal 15-4 15-9; P.J. Chacko and P.K. Sathesh defeated R. Sequeira and T. George 15-3 18-14; P.

Koshi Jacob and B. Sharma tamed D. Saxpal and M. Ahmad 15-11 15-7; F. Mohyuddin and M. Al Zeer crushed R.I. Jain and B. Fernandez 15-2 15-5; A.M. Ghazi and S. Das got a walkover against R. Chaudhry and Khaled and T.S. Murugavel routed P.J. Alechery and T.M. Mathew 15-5 15-10.

Matches to be played tonight:

Ladies Singles
7.00 pm — Reeny John vs Doris Saldhana or Julie Ellis; Mimie Nainan vs Rupa Krishnan or Susan Jacob; Reeny Tharian vs Asha Kutty or Renuka Gopinath and Suga Varghese; Daryl Sathesh or Nirmla Nair.

Ladies Doubles
8.00 pm — R. John and S. Varghese vs R. Krishnan and D. Saldhana or J. Ellis and J. Thompson; H. Partridge and L. Green vs R. Tharian and S. Jacob; M. Naiman and V. Jacob vs R. Kurnath and N. Nair and K. Taylor and M. Haseman vs V. Kutty and A. Kuty.

Mixed Doubles
9.00 pm — F. Mohyuddin and R. John or B. Ali and H. Partridge vs J.S. Anand and Miss Shoba or R. Dickson and K. Taylor; A.M. Ghazi and N. Nair or M. Acharya and S. Saldhana vs D. Elliott and S. Bano or T.C.

George and M. Nainan, J. Taylor and M. Haseman or Syvakumar and R. Gopinath vs M. Al Zeer and D. Saldhana or J. and S. Varghese; G. Joseph and S. Jacob or H. Hassan and R. Krishnan vs R. Sequeira and R. George or P.K. and D. Sathesh.

Men's Singles

7.30 pm — F. Mohyuddin or V.C. Kochkrishnan vs Bijoy Joseph or George Tharian; Thomas Koshi or Johnson Varghese vs T.S. Murugavel or T.C. George; Reji Joseph or George Joseph vs Chandu Mathai or R. D'Silva; P. Cherian or S. Varghese vs M.G. Chacko or M.K. Thomas.

Men's Doubles

8.30 pm — K. Thomas and J. Varghese or M.M. Joshi and J.S. Anand vs R. Dickson and J. Taylor or J. Kurian and Sunil Kumar; M. Uchariya and Habib Hassan or P.J. Chacko and P.K. Sathesh vs R. Koshi Jacob and B. Sharma or F. Mohyuddin and M. Al Zeer; C. Mathai and Reji Joseph or A.M. Ghazi and S. Das vs R. Sequeira and V. Sebastian or P. Cherian and Siva Kumar; Louis Gonsalves and Bijoy Joseph or R.D. Silva and S. Varghese vs P. Alex and V. Kochkrishnan or C. George and G. Joseph.

Bills clinch AFC East crown

NEW YORK, Nov 21, (AP): There have been few rewarding moments in rich stadium for the Buffalo Bills and their fans, so they really took advantage of one when they got the chance.

Thousands of fans streamed onto the field yesterday after Scott Norwood's 30-yard field goal in overtime gave the Bills a 9-6 victory over the New York Jets and the AFC East crown in the National Football League.

It was the earliest clinching of an AFC division since the NFL went to a 16-game schedule in 1978, and it was Buffalo's first division title since 1980.

To celebrate, the fans tore down the goalposts and passed pieces to each other.

"Nobody deserves it more

than Buffalo fans," quarterback Jim Kelly said. "They've taken so much grief through the years."

New York had a chance to win in regulation but Pat Leahy's 40-yard field goal attempt was blocked by Fred Smerlas with 25 seconds left in the fourth period.

Patriots 6, Dolphins 3
At Miami, in another of the three games with only field goals as the scoring, New England's Jason Staurovsky made two, from 22 and 34 yards, while Miami's Tony Franklin missed three, including a 23-yarder with seven minutes left.

Eagles 23, Giants 17, OT
Luis Zendejas lined up a 31-yard field goal try, but it was blocked by Lawrence Taylor. But the ball bounced right to

Clyde Simmons one yard behind the line of scrimmage and the defensive end ran into the end zone for the winning score.

The strange play lifted Philadelphia into a three-way tie with New York and Phoenix atop the NFC East with 7-5 marks.

Results		
Buffalo	9	New York 6
Cincinnati	27	Pittsburgh 7
Detroit	19	Dallas 24
Houston Oilers	38	Phoenix 9
Kansas City	27	Seattle 24
Minnesota	12	Indianapolis 3
Chicago	27	Tampa Bay 15
New Orleans	42	Denver 0
San Diego	38	LA Rams 24
Atlanta	12	LA Raiders 6
Philadelphia	23	New York 17
New England	6	Miami 3

Swedes hold Soviets to draw

SALONIKA, Greece, Nov 21, (Reuters): Title-holders the Soviet Union drew with ninth-seeded Sweden yesterday in the seventh round of the Chess Olympiad, the first time they had failed to win a match, but maintained their two-and-a-half-point lead.

Of the Soviet players, only ex-world champion Anatoly Karpov won his game, against Ulf Andersson, while Swedish grandmaster Thomas Ernst defeated Soviet grandmaster Jan Ehlvest.

Fifth-seeded Yugoslavia jumped to third from sixth after beating Bulgaria.

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AMBROSE TAKES TOURISTS TO NINE-WICKET WIN

West Indies overwhelm Australia

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov. 21. (Reuters) West Indies proved their overwhelming superiority over Australia by cruising to a nine-wicket victory in the first cricket Test today.

The touring side scored the 63 runs needed for victory in mid-afternoon of the fourth day after earlier dismissing Australia for 289 in their second innings.

Despite the large margin of victory, Australia showed further signs of recovery today after hitting rock bottom during the first three days of the match.

Dismissed

Australia, resuming at 200 for six, appeared heading for an innings defeat when Ian Healy and Tony Dodemaide were dismissed in quick succession to reduce the home side to 212 for eight. They needed 227 to make West Indies bat again.

But pace partners Craig McDermott and Chris Matthews put on 58 runs, showing the Australian upper order how best to handle the West Indies pace attack.

The two watched every ball carefully but refused to be intimidated, using power and the full face of the bat to deal with anything slightly loose.

Matthews hit five fours in his



Ambrose with his Man of the Match award. (Reuters wirephoto)

32 before he gave Courtney Walsh his third wicket of the innings. Number 11 Tim May helped McDermott add another 19 runs before he was caught in the gully by Carl Hooper off Curtly Ambrose.

McDermott, who had looked the most composed of all the Australians, scored 32 not out.

Malcolm Marshall took his Test wicket tally to 296 by claiming four for 92 in the innings. Walsh finished with three for 61 and Ambrose, named Man of the

Match for his consistently dangerous bowling, three for 78.

Matthews' moment of glory with the bat was quickly forgotten once he started bowling in the West Indies second innings.

In a repeat of his first innings performance, the left-arm bowler bowled three wickets in an extremely erratic spell before having to hobble off after apparently injuring a back muscle.

Desmond Haynes and Gordon Greenidge put on 43 runs in

just 45 balls before Greenidge was out for 16, caught athletically by wicketkeeper Healy off medium-pace Dodemaide.

Haynes, who finished with 30 not out, and Richie Richardson shepherded their side to 63 for one. Australian captain Allan Border refused to be pessimistic despite the crushing defeat and said he would not be driven to change his team without careful thought.

"If you lose badly the tendency is to look around for other players, but I think the ideal situation is to keep things tight," he said.

"Obviously we've got to discuss it, but hopefully we'll come up with the right solution without too much chopping and changing."

"I don't think we could have played much worse than we did in this game, but maybe that's one good thing... hopefully our form will improve out of sight."

West Indies skipper Viv Richards said: "It's always nice to draw first blood in a five-Test series. (But) it would have been nice to have won without having to bat again."

"When you get guys (McDermott and Matthews) hanging around, it gives others

encouragement for next time. It was a little bit disappointing in that area, but overall it was a magnificent effort."

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings 167
WEST INDIES first innings 394

AUSTRALIA second innings

D. Boon c Deon b Marshall 12
G. Marsh b b Ambrose 2
M. Veletta c Hooper b Walsh 18
S. Waugh c Haynes b Marshall 90
G. Wood b b Walsh 9
A. Border c Haynes b Ambrose 41
I. Healy c Ambrose b Marshall 28
C. McDermott not out 32
C. Matthews c Richardson b Walsh 32
T. May c Hooper b Ambrose 5
Extras (b-4 lb-5 nb-21) 30
Total 289

Fall of wickets: 1-142-16 3-65-4-65-5-157-6-199-7-212-8-212-9-270

Bowling: Marshall 26-2-92-4 (3 nb), Ambrose 26-1-5-78-3 (15 nb), Walsh 19-3-61-2 (3 nb), Richardson 11-4-26-0, Hooper 4-0-23-0.

WEST INDIES second innings

G. Greenidge c Healy b Dodemaide 16
D. Haynes not out 30
R. Richardson not out 32
Extras (b-4 w-3 nb-3) 10
Total (for one wicket) 63

Fall of wicket: 1-43

Did not bat: C. Hooper, V. Richards, G. Leggie, J. Deon, M. Marshall, C. Walsh, C. Ambrose, P. Patterson.

Bowling: McDermott 4-0-12-0 (1 nb), Matthews 3.5-1-18-0 (3w 1 nb), Dodemaide 5.2-1-15-1, Waugh 6-0-14-0 (1 nb).



HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday congratulated Kuwaiti student Adela Roumi (centre) on her brilliant performance in the Seoul Paralympics which were held last month. Adela, who won three gold medals, was accompanied to the audience by her mother Karima Al Bassam.

Trail Blazers beat Nets

PORTLAND, Oregon, Nov. 21. (AP) Jerome Kersey is still hurting from a sore shoulder and wrist, but the Portland forward overcame the pain against the New Jersey Nets yesterday.

Kersey scored 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Clyde Drexler added 12 of his 27 points in the third quarter as the Portland Trail Blazers defeated the Nets 117-106.

Kersey, who was injured last Tuesday against the Los Angeles Clippers, scored 19 points in the first half, and his six points late in the third period helped Portland open an eight-point lead.

"I almost didn't make this game," said Kersey, who also got five stitches in his forehead when he was knocked to the floor by the Clippers' Benoit Benjamin. "I'm still hurting, but I forget about it when the adrenalin gets going."

"When you get off to a good start, you don't think about the pain," said Kersey, who had 12

points in the first period. "It was my decision to go tonight. I just want to play."

"We had a problem in containing Kersey and Drexler also hurt us," Nets coach Willis Reed said. "The matchups weren't good all the way around, but it was a credible effort considering how short-handed we were."

Centres Joe Barry Carroll and Keith Lee are injured for the Nets.

Portland led 55-52 at halftime, then built a 92-84 edge by the end of the third period and 97-86 margin with 9:54 left in the game on a hook shot by Steve Johnson and a layup by Craig Neal.

Portland's biggest lead came with 5:14 remaining when Kevin Duckworth's layup and Caldwell Jones' jumper made it 109-96.

Mike McGee led the Nets with 33 points, while Walter Berry added 15. Steve Johnson scored 16 for Portland.

Alen takes RAC Rally lead

TELFORD, England, Nov. 21. (Reuters) Markku Alen took over as leader of the British RAC Rally today when defending champion and fellow-Finn Juha Kankkunen was stopped by a puncture in the tough forest stages of North Wales.

Twice former world champion Kankkunen, in a four-wheel-drive Toyota Celica, held a 27 seconds lead overnight. He lost three seconds on today's opening 10th stage before being halted when a rear tyre blew early into

the 11th stage. Kankkunen lost almost a minute to Alen and later slipped back a further 10 seconds after the 12th stage. Sweden's Bjorn Waldegard took over second place in another Toyota.

Alen was 58 seconds clear after 12 of the 52 stages. Soviet entrant Eugeni Tumulaichus was timed out of the rally this morning after being detained by the police for an alleged traffic offence.

RESULTS of the Hubara Bridge Club game held on Saturday:

1. Salman Ali & Sherin
2. Dr. Oskay & Shanti
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Barcelona beat Oviedo to stay in contention for title

MADRID, Nov. 21. (Reuters) England international Gary Lineker scored his first goal of the season yesterday to help Barcelona defeat Real Oviedo 2-1 and stay firmly in contention for the Spanish League championship.

The away victory keeps Barcelona two points behind reigning champions Real Madrid, who struggled to beat Logrones 1-0 away on Saturday.

Ricardo Bango put Oviedo ahead after only 13 minutes when he skillfully drew Barcelona's veteran goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta and pumped a low shot into the net.

Loose

Stung into action, Barcelona equalised 12 minutes later when Lineker latched on to a loose ball and shot home through a crowded penalty area.

Striker Julio Salinas secured the points for Barcelona just seconds from the half-time whistle when he scored with a fine volley from less than 10 metres out.

Oviedo squandered a golden opportunity to share the spoils when striker Alberto Berto fired a penalty kick harmlessly over the crossbar midway through the second half.

Injury-plagued Athletic Bilbao, coached by Briton Howard Kendall, picked up their first point in a League match with a 1-1 draw at home to Real Betis.

Striker Jose Recha put Betis in front after 30 minutes but Athletic drew level after the interval when young midfielder Ricardo Mendiguren beat Argentine World Cup goalkeeper Nery Pumpido.

Seville stay third in the table, three points behind Barcelona, after goals by Austrian international Anton Polster and Uruguayan signing Pablo Bengoechea earned them a 2-0 home win over Real Sociedad.

Athletic Madrid, fifth in the table, had to be satisfied with a goalless home draw against Sporting Gijon although Athletic's Brazilian striker Baltazar de Moraes hit a post early on.

Smith blasts 69 as Kiwis draw with Tamil Nadu

PANAJI, India, Nov. 21. (Reuters) Ian Smith's blistering 69 off only 61 balls was the highlight of New Zealand's second innings total of 231 for nine as the three-day match against Tamil Nadu ended in a draw today.

Play was called off by mutual consent 30 minutes after tea.

Fluent

New Zealand, one run ahead at the start of the final day, lost 2 early wickets and then slipped to 128 for five soon after lunch despite a fluent 53 by Mark Greatbatch.

But Smith and Ken Rutherford, who made 42, hit the touring team out of trouble. They plundered 76 for the sixth wicket in only 56 minutes.

Smith reached his 50 off only 40 balls with eight fours.

Arun Kumar was the Indian state champions' most successful bowler. His gentle seamers brought him four for 49 from 18 overs.

Great Britain XI edge past India XI

GREAT BRITAIN XI beat India XI by 17 runs in a British Airways Speedbird Trophy cricket match in Ahmedabad on Friday.

This was the first part of the event, with the second match between Great Britain XI and Pakistan XI scheduled for Feb. 25, 1989.

Before the start of the game, both the sides were presented to the British Ambassador to Kuwait, Peter Hinchcliffe.

India won the toss and fielded first. Great Britain opening batsmen Craig Shipton and David Talbot faced two fiery overs from Saleem and one tight over from Andrew before the Indians made the early breakthrough having Talbot caught behind off Saleem for 3.

Casuals opener Kevin Wells joined skipper Shipton for six overs before he was caught by Chris off Saleem for 16. Both new batsmen Dave Dowrick, and Shipton gave a sigh of relief as Saleem was rested having

bowled 6 of his nine overs to be replaced by James. Complacency set into the Great Britain batting and Shipton was soon caught behind by Chris this time off the bowling of James for 20.

Nick Elfinstone, replacing Shipton, did not trouble the scorers only lasting two balls without scoring, again out to the Chris/James combination. Dave Dowrick and Patrick Flower then put on 62 runs in 18 overs. Both were restricted by a fine spell of spin bowling by Ralph Deniese. Dave Dowrick was eventually out for 29 with the score at 107 and Patrick Flower for 33 at 111.

The next partnership was able to take advantage of a good platform with Jimmy James and Ron Seward putting on 60 runs in 8 overs before James was out for 40 having hit three sixes and one four. With James out the remaining batsmen tried to keep up the momentum to the end but Great Britain were eventually all out for 187 runs. The not out bats-

man was Ron Seward who made 29 valuable runs. Saleem ended up with three wickets at a cost of 43 runs and James who was unable to finish his spell through injury had 2 for 23.

With the Indian supporters behind their team, openers Ramesh and Sajid faced the Great Britain opening bowlers Flower and James. Flower made the early breakthrough having Ramesh caught off McConville for 1. The other opener Sajid made 16 all in boundaries before he became Flower's next victim with the score on 27.

Out With James chipping in with the wicket of Mukesh the Indians stuttered to 32 for 3 off 8 overs. A fine 69-run partnership between Chris and Andrew with Andrew playing the anchor role, until the only loose shot of his innings gave an easy catch to Wells off Shipton for 29 patiently earned runs.

At this stage Ron Seward was introduced into the attack and it quickly brought the downfall of

Chris who tried to attack the bowling of Seward straight away and fell to a smart stumping by McConville for 49 runs including one six and six fours. With Chris out the only other batsmen to strive to work for the runs was Derrick with 29.

The last wicket stand produced 23 runs but all in vain as the inexperience of the middle order batsmen badly let the Indian side down who were all out for 171 runs 17 runs short of the total.

Ron Seward in his debut Speedbird match ended with very creditable match figures of 8 overs 4 wickets for 31 runs and was instrumental in the downfall of the Indian middle order batsman.

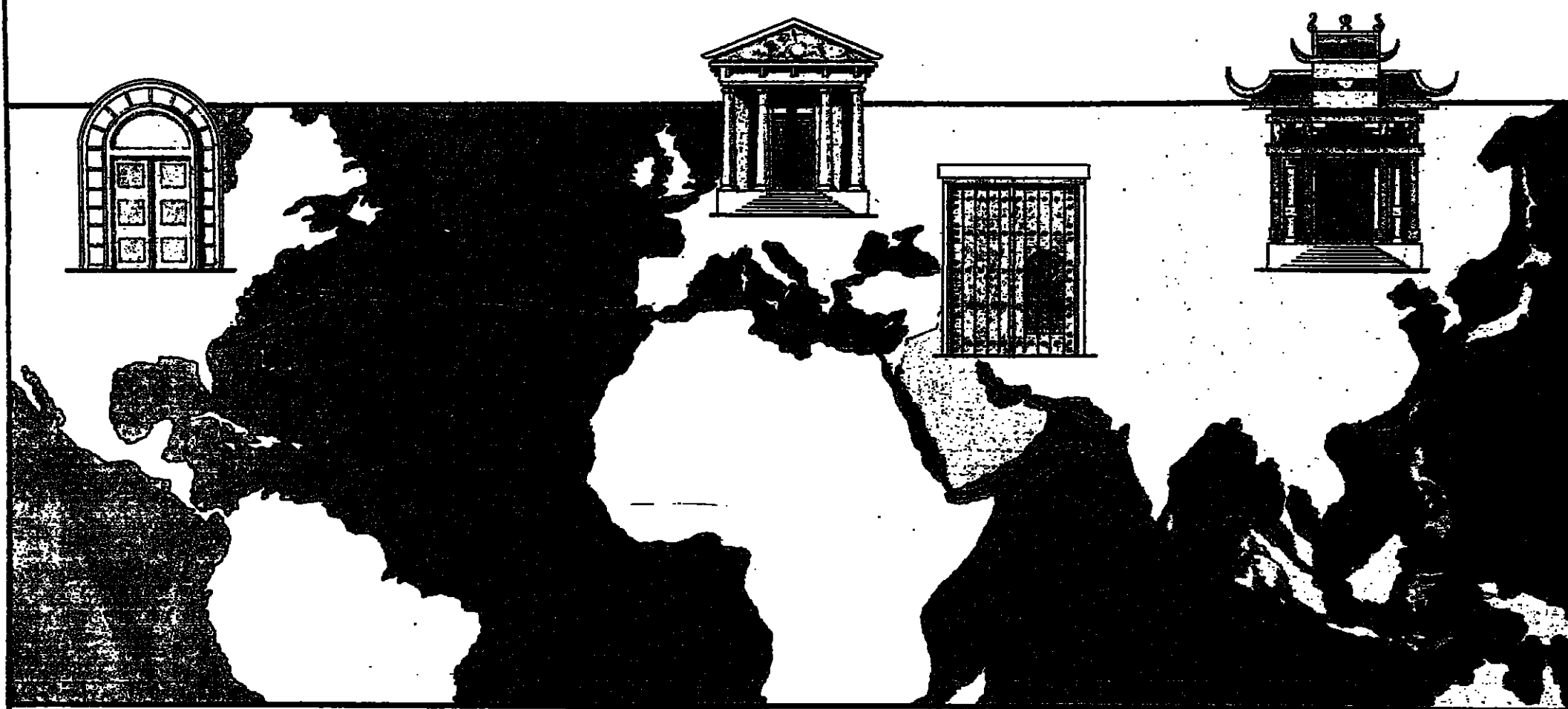
Shipton was presented with the Speedbird Trophy, India's Man of the Match Chris was presented with a British Airways round trip ticket to Bombay.

The Great Britain Man of the Match will be selected after the match with Pakistan.

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